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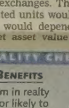

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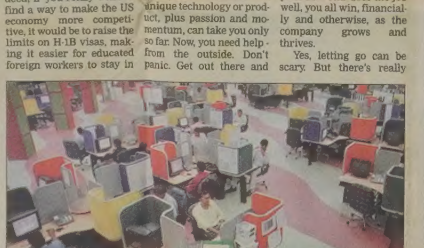

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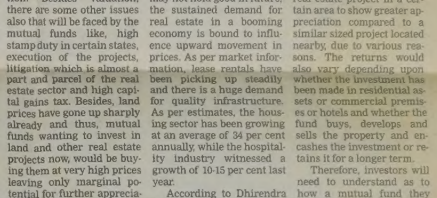

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Shyamala Sampathkumar, New Delhi

Answer: Shyamala, I am a maverick on this one. I do not believe consumers at large can be understood at all. Leave alone understanding them completely. There is really no such thing as complete consumer understanding.

Understanding consumers is the most difficult thing to do. Let me ask you, if you are married, do you understand your husband at all? Or does your husband understand you fully, at all? Without waiting for your answer, let me put it this way. If we cannot really understand one person who is really, really, close to us day in and day out, how dare we assume that we can understand this mass that we marketers aggregate as consumers?

Firstly, the consumer is not one. Most marketers aggregate clusters and groups of consumers and get very excited in the consumer insight they gather at the level of the aggregated clusters. Sadly, most of this data is best at the aggregate level, and just does not work at the individual level of administering the brand and its appeals. Therefore, most of contemporary marketing tends to cater to the lowest common denominator of this understanding. The consumer insight that we gather today is in itself faulty. Faulty by design and faulty in the mechanism we tend to use to read the data and deliver the solution.

One other big issue as well. The consumer today is a maverick. The mind of the consumer changes with every media influence there is. Consumers are not as hardy and steadfast as they used to be in the good old days. The good old day is the fairy tale era of 'Old Market-

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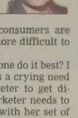

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How does one do it best? I think there is a crying need for the marketer to get direct. The marketer needs to get personal with her set of consumers. It is important to understand a set of individuals very well. Get into their usage, habits, and even their psyches. Consumer intimacy is all about understanding a small set of people very well. So well that the solutions that you administer in terms of brand solutions are really catering to these individuals you have mapped.

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Just go out there yourself as the brand manager and study a set of 20 people right through. Stay in touch with the reality of the life of your consumer. If your consumer travels by bus, and you have not been in one for the last ten years, watch out. You need to emote with your consumer and his daily travails. Hop on to that bus and make it your lifestyle.

If you don't know the life and language of the autodriver who is your key consumer, you can't sell to him. Only a first hand experience that is not one-time, but continuous will give you that emotive appeal that is required to market to the target segment at hand.

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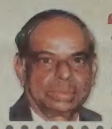

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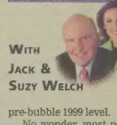

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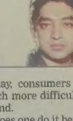

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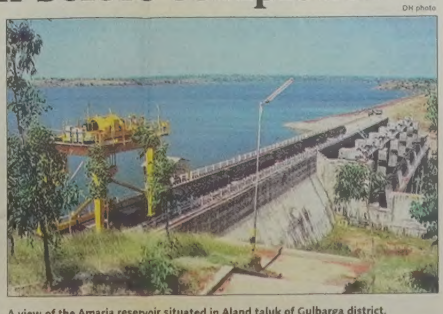

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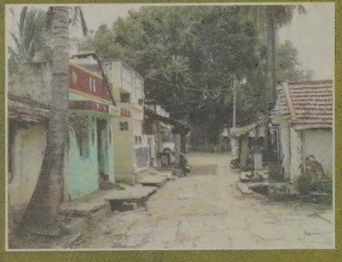

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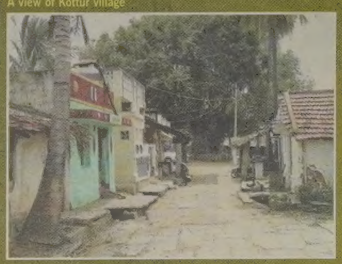

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Khan with *Halakki* tribes while filming them in Western Ghats

THOSE were the days of the pre-independence era. A weekly fair used to be held in Sakleshpur taluk in Hasan district that drew a large crowd from the surrounding taluks. Amidst that fair, standing under a peepal tree, a young man of 20 years used to sing folk songs with a lot of enthusiasm and vigour. He then used to explain the meaning, context and richness of such songs on the spot. Lured by the pitch of his voice, his body language, people used to stand there for hours listening to the folk songs. This is how Karim Khan stood out in the vast field of folklore.

On weekdays, Khan used to visit villages in the district to gather more information on the local folklore. With just a pencil and a notebook in hand, with no technology like photography or videography to assist him, he used to make note of literature, tunes and variations in the voice of original artists.

It was because of his neighbour, a Hindu family, that Khan got an opportunity to listen to the morning folk *raagas*. The same interest took him closer to the folk field. This continued till the age of 35 years and by that time he became a well-known face for *Janapada Jangama* or mobile folklore.

He entered the film industry with an intention to get a wider platform for his folk collections and experiments. He wrote songs for more than 200 films, though majority were devotional. His efforts to present folk songs in films with a rural backdrop and using local artistes are praiseworthy. But the industry people exploited him to such an extent that he snapped ties with them.

Then came a silver lining. The Government chose him as the President of Karnataka Rajya Janapada and Yakshagana Academy. He had crossed 50 by then and many mocked him because of his age. Of course, Khan never earned a Masters or a PhD degree but was a master in folklore. As President of the Academy, he went to the artistes and placed video cameras in their own settlements to make a documentary on such art forms. Starting from remote villages in the Western Ghats, his journey of documenting folk arts went up to Bidar and when it was finished, a 250 hour folk feast was ready for interested audience.

Even at the ripe age of 70 to 80 years, his interest towards folklore never died. During his quest, he discovered many interesting folk practices that were away from the limelight. Karim Khan's wish was that folklore artistes be given better opportunities to showcase their talent. Making his dream come true will be the right kind of tribute to him. ■

-As told to Rohith B R

PULSE

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INDIAN-BORN British novelist Salman Rushdie has squared off against feminist icon Germaine Greer, labelling her support for a group of Bengali film protesters as "philistine, sanctimonious, and disgraceful." The protesters are opposing the film version of Monica Ali's book *Brick Lane*, a story about a Bangladeshi woman living in the area of east London, because of the way the book depicts people in the area. Their campaign has led to the cancellation of plans to shoot scenes for the movie in the neighbourhood. Greer wrote that locals had a right to prevent filming, and that Ali failed to realise that some residents might have found her plot outlandish. Others have supported the book and film.

Blaze destroys *Casino Royale* sets

THE studio where many of the James Bond adventures were filmed has been destroyed by fire. Witnesses who saw the blaze at the Bond sound stage at Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire said it took around 60 firefighters to bring the fire under control, leaving the iconic building blackened, with its roof buckling. Filming on the new 007 film, *Casino Royale*, starring Daniel Craig as the undercover agent, is believed to have finished last week. Many of the scenes in the forthcoming movie, reported to have a budget of $72m, were shot in Venice.

Artist arrested over $2.6m fraud

DUNLOP, 45, was arrested in Brisbane recently in relation to the theft of 1,281 pieces of artwork over the past 13 years, Queensland police said. Their combined value is believed to be estimated at $2,604,920. He was charged with 50 offences relating to the theft of $2.6m worth of artwork. The offences included stealing, break and enter, bringing stolen goods into Queensland, fraud, forgery and possession of tainted property. Australia's largest criminal investigation into the alleged art heist began last year, after a complaint by Brisbane artist Allyson Reynolds, over the theft of her art.

Edgar Ortiz, the storyteller from Costa Rica, performed recently at the Kathotsava festival. Edgar talks to Puja Goyal on what it takes to be a good storyteller

Once upon a time...

STORYTELLING is an art; it is like a virtual circus, which combines energy, emotions, belief and words, and wraps them all up in the moment. Edgar Ortiz, a young storyteller, musician and acrobat, reflects that it has taken him more than 10 years to develop the technique; he adds, "While some are talented and the art is in-born, I had to study and experience storytelling myself in order to better it. Back where I stay, we had only 10 storytellers and I had the chance to observe and study all of them, and develop my own style."

The most important quality of a storyteller is to be multifaceted. He should be able to absorb other cultures and their folk tales. He should listen to stories of different places. This passion has taken Edgar to discover fantastic tales from countries like Colombia, Cuba, Canada, US, Jamaica, and Guatemala.

In 2004, he organised the first international storytelling festival in his homeland.

Storytelling is all about imagination, mixed with realism and creation, and then making it your own, Edgar adds, "Most of the audience (kids and adults) come to be entertained. In such a situation having stories with messages, or sad stories reflecting on social causes do not make sense... the audience hopes that they will experience a far-away land and a different culture. This is why; I like to mix stories of different places together." Edgar enjoys sharing stories from his Latin American culture, and India where he has lived for more than a year.

While most enjoy a good story, it is the teens who are sceptical about being entertained by storytelling. "My favourite audience consists of a mix of children and adults aka family. Adults find it difficult to enjoy a good laugh but with kids around, their faces light up." The common man looks at storytelling as a form that transfers grandma's tales to the next generation... but Edgar reiterates that storytelling is more than grandmas tales. He explains, "Storytelling is not only an art, it requires preparation, one should develop his style of storytelling. A person has to do a lot of homework in order to cater to his audience. If the audience consists of 12 year olds, the storytelling format will be different etc. I would like to emphasise on quality! If the session turns out to be mediocre, no one will remember you!"

In such a case, what makes a good storyteller... and can it be converted to a profession? Edgar replies, "Yes, storytelling can be a profession. There are certain pointers that every storyteller can keep in mind while practicing, One: Quality and persistence. Two: They should listen to other storytellers and find ways to tell those stories in their own style. Three: storytelling is all about listening, not reading; it is important to listen to your own stories and other individuals telling them. What sounds good while reading might not be fun listening?"

In 2005, Edgar received a bursary from the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) from the UNESCO to live and work for almost a year, working with Koothu-P-Pattarai in Tamil Nadu, the oldest theatre group from south India. ■

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We pick

The invincible Americans

IN a world of 9/11s, suicide bombings and the like, it would be quite surprising for America finds that it is the target of a nuclear attack. A nuclear attack not from the dreaded Russian, Japanese or even Israel, but rather from one of their own.

That is what Dale Brown's novel, *Act of War* (Harper Collins, Pages: 496, Price: Rs 347) centres around. An oil refinery belonging to Harold Chester Kingman has developed into an empire by itself. The kind of security that envelopes this vast multinational company seems to be on par with that of the American President. However, a key installation falls prey to a nuclear backpack.

That's where Brigadier General Jason Richter comes in... It is his job to save the 'most powerful country in the world' from an unseen enemy. As a strategist, he comes up with the scheme of untested exoskeleton, that allows for a human to sit inside and manoeuvre it. This exoskeleton gives man super human powers.

One cannot help but think of a slightly more technologically sophisticated version of *Independence day* (the movie) while reading this book. America is invincible is the theme and don't be surprised if this book is made into a movie. Not really a fast read but an interesting one for those who like reading about covert operations and the 'Invincible Americans'. ■

Looking for love

LEARNING is a process that never quite ends, and this is what Nicky Hobbs, the protagonist in *The Learning Curve* (Arrow books, Pages: 452, Price: Rs 152) realises, the irony of being a teacher at a local primary school. A single, dedicated woman in her early 30s, Nicky goes about her daily duties religiously. Working alongside the one man she ever had a committed relationship with - Rob, she constantly battles thoughts of 'What if' in the relationship front.

In a predictable turn of events, Nicky meets the proverbial 'so not for her' guy, and their constant encounters (or should I say clashes), develops into a strong friendship. As fate has it, Mark Samuels - the man in question, is the father of one of her favourite students, who apparently has a strong crush on her. In true *filmi* style, Nicky has to decide between Rob and Mark, more so about what she wants, rather than whom she wants. From squabbles to deep friendship and love, this quest leads her to the path of realisation, on a journey to find what she really needs.

The character portrayals in Melissa Nathan's *The Learning Curve* could have been better defined, and the pace is slow. The first section of the book begins on a monotonous note, and the same flavour persists for a while. Once the reader gets past the slow plot, the essence of the story takes over, making it a book that is worth reading, for those who love chick lit, on a milder tone. ■

Taking India by storm

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Khan with *Halakki* tribes while filming them in Western Ghats

THOSE were the days of the pre-independence era. A weekly fair used to be held in Sakleshpur taluk in Hasan district that drew a large crowd from the surrounding talukes. Amidst that fair, standing under a peepal tree, a young man of 20 years used to sing folk songs with a lot of enthusiasm and vigour. He then used to explain the meaning, context and richness of such songs on the spot. Lured by the pitch of his voice, his body language, people used to stand there for hours listening to the folk songs. This is how Karim Khan stood out in the vast field of folklore.

On weekdays, Khan used to visit villages in the district to gather more information on the local folklore. With just a pencil and a notebook in hand, with no technology like photography or videography to assist him, he used to make note of literature, tunes and variations in the voice of original artists.

It was because of his neighbour, a Hindu family, that Khan got an opportunity to listen to the morning folk *raagas*. The same interest took him closer to the folk field. This continued till the age of 35 years and by that time he became a well-known face for *Janapada Jangama* or mobile folklore.

He entered the film industry with an intention to get a wider platform for his folk collections and experiments. He wrote songs for more than 200 films, though majority were devotional. His efforts to present folk songs in films with a rural backdrop and using local artistes are praiseworthy. But the industry people exploited him to such an extent that he snapped ties with them.

Then came a silver lining. The Government chose him as the President of Karnataka Rajya Janapada and Yakshagana Academy. He had crossed 50 by then and many mocked him because of his age. Of course, Khan never earned a Masters or a PhD degree but was a master in folklore. As President of the Academy, he went to the artistes and placed video cameras in their own settlements to make a documentary on such art forms. Starting from remote villages in the Western Ghats, his journey of documenting folk arts went up to Bidar and when it was finished, a 250 hour folk feast was ready for interested audience.

Even at the ripe age of 70 to 80 years, his interest towards folklore never died. During his quest, he discovered many interesting folk practices that were away from the limelight. Karim Khan's wish was that folklore artistes be given better opportunities to showcase their talent. Making his dream come true will be the right kind of tribute to him." ■

-As told to Rohith B R

PULSE

Rushdie slams Germaine Greer

INDIAN-BORN British novelist Salman Rushdie has squared off against feminist icon Germaine Greer, labelling her support for a group of Bengali film protesters as "philistine, sanctimonious, and disgraceful." The protesters are opposing the film version of Monica Ali's book *Brick Lane*, a story about a Bangladeshi woman living in the area of east London, because of the way the book depicts people in the area. Their campaign has led to the cancellation of plans to shoot scenes for the movie in the neighbourhood. Greer wrote that locals had a right to prevent filming, and that Ali failed to realise that some residents might have found her plot outlandish. Others have supported the book and film.

Blaze destroys *Casino Royale* sets

THE studio where many of the James Bond adventures were filmed has been destroyed by fire. Witnesses who saw the blaze at the Bond sound stage at Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire said it took around 60 firefighters to bring the fire under control, leaving the iconic building blackened, with its roof buckling. Filming on the new 007 film, *Casino Royale*, starring Daniel Craig as the undercover agent, is believed to have finished last week. Many of the scenes in the forthcoming movie, reported to have a budget of $72m, were shot in Venice.

Artist arrested over $2.6m fraud

DUNLOP, 45, was arrested in Brisbane recently in relation to the theft of 1,281 pieces of artwork over the past 13 years, Queensland police said. Their combined value is believed to be estimated at $2,604,920. He was charged with 50 offences relating to the theft of $2.6m worth of artwork. The offences included stealing, break and enter, bringing stolen goods into Queensland, fraud, forgery and possession of tainted property. Australia's largest criminal investigation into the alleged art heist began last year, after a complaint by Brisbane artist Allyson Reynolds, over the theft of her art.

Edgar Ortiz, the storyteller from Costa Rica, performed recently at the Kathotsava festival. Edgar talks to Puja Goyal on what it takes to be a good storyteller

Once upon a time...

STORYTELLING is an art; it is like a virtual circus, which combines energy, emotions, belief and words, and wraps them all up in the moment. Edgar Ortiz, a young storyteller, musician and acrobat, reflects that it has taken him more than 10 years to develop the technique; he adds, "While some are talented and the art is in-born, I had to study and experience storytelling myself in order to better it. Back where I stay, we had only 10 storytellers and I had the chance to observe and study all of them, and develop my own style."

The most important quality of a storyteller is to be multifaceted. He should be able to absorb other cultures and their folk tales. He should listen to stories of different places. This passion has taken Edgar to discover fantastic tales from countries like Colombia, Cuba, Canada, US, Jamaica, and Guatemala.

In 2004, he organised the first international storytelling festival in his homeland.

Storytelling is all about imagination, mixed with realism and creation, and then making it your own, Edgar adds, "Most of the audience (kids and adults) come to be entertained. In such a situation having stories with messages, or sad stories reflecting on social causes do not make sense... the audience hopes that they will experience a far-away land and a different culture. This is why; I like to mix stories of different places together." Edgar enjoys sharing stories from his Latin American culture, and India where he has lived for more than a year.

While most enjoy a good story, it is the teens who are sceptical about being entertained by storytelling. "My favourite audience consists of a mix of children and adults aka family. Adults find it difficult to enjoy a good laugh but with kids around, their faces light up." The common man looks at storytelling as a form that transfers grandma's tales to the next generation... but Edgar reiterates that storytelling is more than grandmas tales. He explains, "Storytelling is not only an art, it requires preparation, one should develop his style of storytelling. A person has to do a lot of homework in order to cater to his audience. If the audience consists of 12 year olds, the storytelling format will be different etc. I would like to emphasise on quality! If the session turns out to be mediocre, no one will remember you!"

In such a case, what makes a good storyteller... and can it be converted to a profession? Edgar replies, "Yes, storytelling can be a profession. There are certain pointers that every storyteller can keep in mind while practicing. One: Quality and persistence. Two: They should listen to other storytellers and find ways to tell those stories in their own style. Three: storytelling is all about listening, not reading; it is important to listen to your own stories and other individuals telling them. What sounds good while reading might not be fun listening?"

In 2005, Edgar received a bursary from the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) from the UNESCO to live and work for almost a year, working with Koothu-P-Pattarai in Tamil Nadu, the oldest theatre group from south India. ■

Best-sellers

BOOKS

FICTION

- **The Afghan** Frederick Forsyth
- **One Shot** - Lee Child
- **Kafka On The Shore** Murakami
- **Q & A** Vikas Swarup
- **Shantaram** G D Roberts

NON-FICTION

- **A Call To Honour** Jaswant Singh
- **How Much Could A Person Consume** - Guha
- **Falling Over Backwards** Arun Shourie
- **World Is Flat** Thomas Friedman
- **Identity and Violence** Amartya Sen

MUSIC

REGIONAL

1. Gandugali Kumararama - Kannada
2. Ashoka - Telugu
3. Vallavan - Tamil

HINDI

1. Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna
2. Fanaa
3. Dil Diya Hai

INDI POP/GHAZAL

1. Everybody On The Dance Floor Vol 2
2. Kailasha
3. Let The Music Play

INTERNATIONAL

1. Let the Music Play - Shamur
2. Hips Don't Lie
3. Crazy Frog - Crazy Hits

Courtesy: Premier, Music World

We pick

The invincible Americans

IN a world of 9/11s, suicide bombings and the like, it would be quite surprising for America finds that it is the target of a nuclear attack. A nuclear attack not from the dreaded Russian, Japanese or even Israel, but rather from one of their own.

That is what Dale Brown's novel, *Act of War* (Harper Collins, Pages: 496, Price: Rs 347) centres around. An oil refinery belonging to Harold Chester Kingman has developed into an empire by itself. The kind of security that envelopes this vast multinational company seems to be on par with that of the American President. However, a key installation falls prey to a nuclear backpack.

That's where Brigadier General Jason Richter comes in... It is his job to save the 'most powerful country in the world' from an unseen enemy. As a strategist, he comes up with the scheme of untested exoskeleton, that allows for a human to sit inside and manoeuvre it. This exoskeleton gives man super human powers.

One cannot help but think of a slightly more technologically sophisticated version of *Independence day* (the movie) while reading this book. America is invincible is the theme and don't be surprised if this book is made into a movie. Not really a fast read but an interesting one for those who like reading about covert operations and the 'Invincible Americans'. ■

Looking for love

LEARNING is a process that never quite ends, and this is what Nicky Hobbs, the protagonist in *The Learning Curve* (Arrow books, Pages: 452, Price: Rs 152) realises, the irony of being a teacher at a local primary school. A single, dedicated woman in her early 30s, Nicky goes about her daily duties religiously. Working alongside the one man she ever had a committed relationship with - Rob, she constantly battles thoughts of 'What if' in the relationship front.

In a predictable turn of events, Nicky meets the proverbial 'so not for her' guy, and their constant encounters (or should I say clashes), develops into a strong friendship. As fate has it, Mark Samuels - the man in question, is the father of one of her favourite students, who apparently has a strong crush on her. In true *filmi* style, Nicky has to decide between Rob and Mark, more so about what she wants, rather than whom she wants. From squabbles to deep friendship and love, this quest leads her to the path of realisation, on a journey to find what she really needs.

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Visiting Khan at Jain Hospital on Sunday, Ashok said the government was willing to bring in specialists for further treatment.

Naidu said the government was looking into the requests of Khan's relatives for Padma Shri, Kannada Ratna Prashasti and a house for the veteran artiste.

PRINCE WAS LUCKY, BUT NOT KARIYA

It was a tragedy five years ago

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DAVANGERE: The rescue of a boy who had fallen into a borewell in Kurukshetra on Sunday brings back memories of a similar incident which had ended up on a tragic note in Davangere six years ago.

Herculean efforts were made to rescue the five-year-old boy Kariya who had accidentally fallen into an unused borewell that was left open at Devaraj Urs Layout in the city in 2000.

Fire brigade personnel, assisted by giant earth movers, strove hard for three days to rescue the boy. But Kariya was not as lucky as Prince as he was dead by the time the rescuers reached him.

The boy had fallen into the borewell when he tried to pick up a ball which fell inside.

Obviously Kariya was not aware of the depth of the borewell. The incident had gripped the interest of the entire State for three days. The people were holding prayers in different parts of the State to see Kariya back alive. The tragic incident had then sparked a debate over leaving failed borewells open.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Mysore Manjunath has been invited to perform at the prestigious International Violin Conference to be held in San Diego, USA, for a week. Manjunath is among the 22 violinists from all over the world representing different styles and only one from India to perform in the conference.

Srinivas K G of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology, has been invited to present his research work at a 12-day workshop on 'Algorithmic Biology: Algorithmic Techniques in Computation Biology'. The workshop is being organised by National University of Singapore.

Ganesha provides bread and butter for 25 families

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An artist busy in making the idol of Lord Ganesha.

BELGAUM, UNI: Come July-end every year, over 25 families in this border city of Karnataka swing into action to prepare the idols of Lord Ganesha ahead of the popular Ganesha Chathurthi festival.

All the members of these 25 families are involved in this work, which earn them their livelihood till the next year.

The 65-year-old Mallappa Baburao Lad, a fifth generation person into this job, says the whole family (six males and five females) toil for two months to prepare over 6,000 idols ranging from one foot to 12 ft.

While the small idols are meant for poojas at home, the big ones will be installed at public places on Ganesha Chathurthi day. The Lad family invested around Rs 5 lakh or Rs 6 lakh in the business and earned over Rs nine lakh, with over 50 per cent of the idols being booked in advance.

Satisfied

Speaking to UNI, Lad said he was happy with his work and satisfied with whatever he earned from the business.

"The work has become a bit easier now. Earlier, mud was used for preparing the idols, but now white cement and plaster of paris are also used along with mud," he added.

The price of the idols range from Rs 101 to Rs 25,000 and would be on the rise every year with the cost of raw materials skyrocketing.

One more family, that of Mr Balachandra Baburao Mane, 50, which is also into the business for the last four generations, prepare 1,000 idols every year. The price of idols prepared by Mane family ranged from Rs 51 to Rs 4,000 depending on the decoration and size.

The festival is special for Belgaumites as lakhs of people from surrounding areas throng the city to see Ganesha idols installed at public places for 11 days from the day of Ganesha Chathurthi. On the eleventh day, the idols will be taken in a colourful procession for immersion.

Pending bills: Contractor's family commits suicide

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JAGALUR(DAVANGERE DIST): Distressed over delay in getting Rs 9 lakh bills from the State government, a PWD contractor and 3 members of his family committed suicide by consuming poison at Hosakere village in the taluk on Saturday midnight.

The family took the extreme step as contractor Channanagowda (50) was in serious financial problems as he had executed the works by raising loans. His wife Jothemma (40), son Siddesh (23) and daughter Renuka (19) had taken insecticide along with Channanagowda. The incident came to light on Sunday morning when the neighbours entered the house due to suspicion.

Channanagowda, a class 'C' contractor, had executed various works in Taluk Panchayat, Zilla Panchayat and Education Department. The officials were allegedly harassing him and not clearing the bills.

Other liabilities

According to the police, Channanagowda had not received money from some people for whom he had taken up works.

He had constructed a Rs 3.7 lakh house for Narayanappa, a former president of Hosakere Gram Panchayat. Narayanappa had not made the payment when Channanagowda met him on Saturday morning. The contractor has explained the problems he faced because of pending bills and mounting debt in his suicide note, the police said.

Cases filed

Jagalur CPI H K Revanna told that cases had been filed against six persons including Narayanappa, Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer S T Rathod, ZP Assistant Executive Engineer Hulugappa Kattimani, ZP engineers Pampapathi, Basavaraj, District Engineer of Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan Sokke Nagaraj, in connection with the incident.

SP Sonia Narang and DySP Nagireddy also visited the spot.

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Jai Kannada... An autistic child with a Karnataka flag in hand at a Kannada awareness rally organised as a part of the third Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Bangalore on Sunday.

CIRCUIT BENCH WORK SOON

Home Minister M P Prakash has said that the government will begin construction work for setting up of circuit benches of the High Court in Dharwad and Gulbarga in the next few days. He said the tender process had been completed and PWD would start the work.

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BANGALORE: Arguing that the Fifth Pay Commission, appointed by the State government had lost its relevance after the Centre appointed the Sixth Pay Commission, the Karnataka State Government Employees' Federation has demanded that the government should wind up the Commission.

It also sought the merging of 50 per cent of the Dearness Allowance with the basic pay.

Federation President U D Narasimhaiah, in a release, said that in 1994, when the government was expecting recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission, the Centre appointed the Fifth Pay Commission. Jagannath Shetty, the then president of the Commission, recommended 7.5 per cent increase in basic pay and suggested the winding up of the Commission, as it had lost relevance in view of the Centre appointing the Fifth Pay Commission.

A similar situation has come up now, he said. Instead of appointing a new president, after the death of Gopalareddy, the government should wind up the Commission, he said.

BUYER-SELLER MEET ON JULY 26,27

Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council is organising a buyer-seller meet between powerloom textile manufacturers and domestic buyers of powerloom fabrics and made-ups on July 26 and 27 bat Kalinga Hall, The Grand Ashok, Kumara Krupa High Grounds, Bangalore- 560 001. Ph: 30527777. The meet would provide an opportunity to exhibitors to display their products. Call 2284 6518.

Amarja project: Rs 100 cr released for repairs even before completion

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A view of the Amarja reservoir situated in Aland taluk of Gulbarga district.

GULBARGA: The Amarja irrigation project in Aland taluk of Gulbarga district could be referred to as a classic case of corruption, much bigger than the recently inaugurated Bennethora irrigation project.

In the Bennethora project, though there were corruption charges, water was released to parched lands in Chittapur taluk recently. But in case of Amarja project, even after spending more than Rs 125 crore, not a single drop of water has been released. Now, Rs 100 crore had been released for repair works.

Like the Bennethora project, the Amarja too was started in 1972. On Bennethora project, Rs 315 crore had been spent to utilise 5.55 TMC ft of water and Rs 125 crore had been spent on the Amarja which for utilising just 1.6 TMC ft of state's share under the Bachawat Award.

Major Irrigation Minister K S Eshwarappa would inaugurate the 'repair works' at a grand function in the premises of the Aland Co-operative Sugar Factory at Bhusnur in Aland taluk on July 24.

The Amarja started with an initial estimation of just Rs 5.75 crore to irrigate around 22,000 acres of land in Aland and Afzalpur taluks.

The main drawback of the project was that both the LBC and RBC had not been laid at the correct level. Due to this, water was not flowing into these canals.

Moreover, the distributories and direct pipe outlets (DPOs), which were also laid many decades ago, need repairs. There are in all 28 distributories and 10 DPOs in the LBC which runs to 55 kilometers, while there are 24 distributories and 14 DPOs in the RBC which run to 45 kilometers.

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Jagalur(Davangere dist): Distressed over delay in getting Rs 9 lakh bills from the State government, a PWD contractor and 3 members of his family committed suicide by consuming poison at Hosakere village in the taluk on Saturday midnight.

The family took the extreme step as contractor Channanagowda (50) was in serious financial problems as he had executed the works by raising loans. His wife Jothemma (40), son Siddesh (23) and daughter Renuka (19) had taken insecticide along with Channanagowda. The incident came to light on Sunday morning when the neighbours entered the house due to suspicion.

Channanagowda, a class 'C' contractor, had executed various works in Taluk Panchayat, Zilla Panchayat and Education Department. The officials were allegedly harassing him and not clearing the bills.

Other liabilities

According to the police, Channanagowda had not received money from some people for whom he had taken up works.

He had constructed a Rs 3.7 lakh house for Narayanappa, a former president of Hosakere Gram Panchayat. Narayanappa had not made the payment when Channanagowda met him on Saturday morning. The contractor has explained the problems he faced because of pending bills and mounting debt in his suicide note, the police said.

Cases filed

Jagalur CPI H K Revanna told that cases had been filed against six persons including Narayanappa, Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer S T Rathod, ZP Assistant Executive Engineer Hulugappa Kattimani, ZP engineers Pampapathi, Basavaraj, District Engineer of Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan Sokke Nagaraj, in connection with the incident.

SP Sonia Narang and DySP Nagireddy also visited the spot.

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Jai Kannada... An autistic child with a Karnataka flag in hand at a Kannada awareness rally organised as a part of the third Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Bangalore on Sunday.

CIRCUIT BENCH WORK SOON

Home Minister M P Prakash has said that the government will begin construction work for setting up of circuit benches of the High Court in Dharwad and Gulbarga in the next few days. He said the tender process had been completed and PWD would start the work.

'Wind up 5th pay panel'

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Bangalore: Arguing that the Fifth Pay Commission, appointed by the State government had lost its relevance after the Centre appointed the Sixth Pay Commission, the Karnataka State Government Employees' Federation has demanded that the government should wind up the Commission.

It also sought the merging of 50 per cent of the Dearness Allowance with the basic pay.

Federation President U D Narasimhaiah, in a release, said that in 1994, when the government was expecting recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission, the Centre appointed the Fifth Pay Commission. Jagannath Shetty, the then president of the Commission, recommended 7.5 per cent increase in basic pay and suggested the winding up of the Commission, as it had lost relevance in view of the Centre appointing the Fifth Pay Commission.

A similar situation has come up now, he said. Instead of appointing a new president, after the death of Gopalareddy, the government should wind up the Commission, he said.

BUYER-SELLER MEET ON JULY 26,27

Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council is organising a buyer-seller meet between powerloom textile manufacturers and domestic buyers of powerloom fabrics and made-ups on July 26 and 27 bat Kalinga Hall, The Grand Ashok, Kumara Krupa High Grounds, Bangalore- 560 001. Ph: 30527777. The meet would provide an opportunity to exhibitors to display their products. Call 2284 6518.

PRINCE WAS LUCKY, BUT NOT KARIYA

It was a tragedy five years ago

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Davangere: The rescue of a boy who had fallen into a borewell in Kurukshetra on Sunday brings back memories of a similar incident which had ended up on a tragic note in Davangere six years ago.

Herculean efforts were made to rescue the five-year-old boy Kariya who had accidentally fallen into an unused borewell that was left open at Devaraj Urs Layout in the city in 2000.

Fire brigade personnel, assisted by giant earth movers, strove hard for three days to rescue the boy. But Kariya was not as lucky as Prince as he was dead by the time the rescuers reached him.

The boy had fallen into the borewell when he tried to pick up a ball which fell inside.

Obviously Kariya was not aware of the depth of the borewell. The incident had gripped the interest of the entire State for three days. The people were holding prayers in different parts of the State to see Kariya back alive. The tragic incident had then sparked a debate over leaving failed borewells open.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Mysore Manjunath has been invited to perform at the prestigious International Violin Conference to be held in San Diego, USA, for a week. Manjunath is among the 22 violinists from all over the world representing different styles and only one from India to perform in the conference.

Srinivas K G of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology, has been invited to present his research work at a 12-day workshop on 'Algorithmic Biology: Algorithmic Techniques in Computation Biology". The workshop is being organised by National University of Singapore.

Ganesha provides bread and butter for 25 families

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An artist busy in making the idol of Lord Ganesha.

Belgaum, UNI: Come July-July every year, over 25 families in this border city of Karnataka swing into action to prepare the idols of Lord Ganesha ahead of the popular Ganesha Chathurthi festival.

All the members of these 25 families are involved in this work, which earn them their livelihood till the next year.

The 65-year-old Mallappa Baburao Lad, a fifth generation person into this job, says the whole family (six males and five females) toil for two months to prepare over 6,000 idols ranging from one foot to 12 ft.

While the small idols are meant for poojas at home, the big ones will be installed at public places on Ganesha Chathurthi day. The Lad family invested around Rs 5 lakh or Rs 6 lakh in the business and earned over Rs nine lakh, with over 50 per cent of the idols being booked in advance.

Satisfied

Speaking to UNI, Lad said he was happy with his work and satisfied with whatever he earned from the business.

"The work has become a bit easier now. Earlier, mud was used for preparing the idols, but now white cement and plaster of paris are also used along with mud," he added.

The price of the idols range from Rs 101 to Rs 25,000 and would be on the rise every year with the cost of raw materials skyrocketing.

One more family, that of Mr Balachandra Baburao Mane, 50, which is also into the business for the last four generations, prepare 1,000 idols every year. The price of idols prepared by Mane family ranged from Rs 51 to Rs 4,000 depending on the decoration and size.

The festival is special for Belgaumites as lakhs of people from surrounding areas throng the city to see Ganesha idols installed at public places for 11 days from the day of Ganesha Chathurthi. On the eleventh day, the idols will be taken in a colourful procession for immersion.

Amarja project: Rs 100 cr released for repairs even before completion

From Anand V Yamnur
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Gulbarga: The Amarja irrigation project in Aland taluk of Gulbarga district could be referred to as a classic case of corruption, much bigger than the recently inaugurated Bennethora irrigation project.

In the Bennethora project, though there were corruption charges, water was released to parched lands in Chittapur taluk recently. But in case of Amarja project, even after spending more than Rs 125 crore, not a single drop of water has been released. Now, Rs 100 crore had been released for repair works.

Like the Bennethora project, the Amarja too was started in 1972. On Bennethora project, Rs 315 crore had been spent to utilise 5.55 TMC ft of water and Rs 125 crore had been spent on the Amarja which for utilising just 1.6 TMC ft of state's share under the Bachawat Award.

Major Irrigation Minister K S Eshwarappa would inaugurate the 'repair works' at a grand function in the premises of the Aland Co-operative Sugar Factory at Bhusnur in Aland taluk on July 24.

The Amarja started with an initial estimation of just Rs 5.75 crore to irrigate around 22,000 acres of land in Aland and Afzalpur taluks.

The main drawback of the project was that both the LBC and RBC had not been laid at the correct level. Due to this, water was not flowing into these canals.

Moreover, the distributories and direct pipe outlets (DPOs), which were also laid many decades ago, need repairs. There are in all 28 distributories and 10 DPOs in the LBC which runs to 55 kilometers, while there are 24 distributories and 14 DPOs in the RBC which run to 45 kilometers.

Of the Rs 100 crore allotted now, Rs 40 crore is being spent to repair the first 20 kilometers of the LBC and the RBC, while Rs 45 crore is being spent on the repair of distributories and DPOs, and laying of field irrigation channels (FICs). Even after these repairs are completed, only around 8,000 acres would get the water.

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A view of the Amarja reservoir situated in Aland taluk of Gulbarga district.

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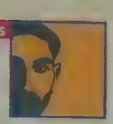

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The zoo officials have decided to decorate [illegible] of the tiger cubs with flowers besides [illegible] banner with 'happy birthday' written on it would also be hanged just outside [illegible] to invite the knowledge of the visitors.

A big board would also be fixed permanently on the main entrance of the zoo displaying the dates of birth of all inmates of the zoo.

The zoo authorities are also contemplating to celebrate the birthdays of selected elephants who have been housed inside the zoo. The Nandankanan zoo is home to many 'orphaned' baby elephants who have either been deserted by their herd or lost their parents, subsequently rescued by the forest officials.

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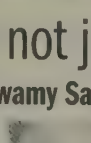

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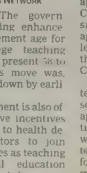

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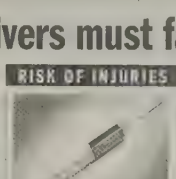

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Belgaum: The government will [illegible] all-party delegation to the [illegible] to apprise Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of the state's stand [illegible] Maharashtra border dispute.

Prior to this, an all-party meeting and a discussion of Kannada activists will be held in Bangalore on Monday, chief minister H D Kumaraswamy said on Saturday.

An all-party team from Maharashtra, led by chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh met the PM recently to spell out its stand and put pressure on the Centre. Kumaraswamy felt the Centre should not succumb to such pressures.

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The highest bidder will also be required to invest Rs 32 crore for a new VRS scheme requested by the 3,100 employees. Once the mine resumes operations, it is estimated to generate direct employment for 1,700 people. An equal number of people are expected to benefit indirectly.

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Multi-faceted messiah leaves behind footprints

By Charan G S/TNN

Bangalore: *Javaraya Bandare Barigalli Baralilla* (Even the Lord of Death doesn't come bare handed) has been one of folklorist S K Karim Khan's favourite songs.

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Folklorist par excellence: During his three-year stint as president of Janapada Academy, Khan captured on video the lifestyle of about 20 tribes across the state and filmed two types of Yakshagana — Badaguthittu and Tenkuthittu. Mudalpaya, another form of Yakshagana, in Mysore district, was also filmed.

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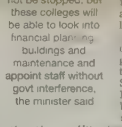

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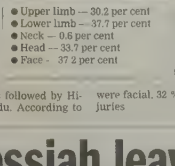

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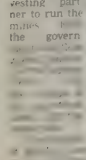

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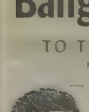

Happening city Bangalore is caught in a maze. It just doesn't know how to get out of it. The coalition government is shaky, what with the partners at each other's throat. Veteran Deve Gowda is on a letter-writing spree that does more harm than good. Crime is on the increase with women facing the brunt. Simple issues like helmets for two-wheeler riders are highly politicised. Roads continue to be in bad shape with contractors and government engineers doing a shoddy job and siphoning off tax-payers' money. Traffic chaos continues.

Take crime. The city has a large number of BPOs dotting its length and breadth, providing employment and good salaries to thousands of young women and men. Every other family has someone working for a BPO. Living conditions have improved. The only drawback is long and odd working hours. Night shifts are regular. BPOs have taken adequate measures to pick them up from home and drop them back. Yet, these employees fall prey to criminals as some prefer to go on their own or some are lured into a trap. This is happening with alarming regularity.

A year ago, a woman employee was raped and killed by a driver who tricked her into going in his vehicle though it was not scheduled to pick her up. Two days ago, another woman refused the official vehicle and took a lift from her boyfriend. Her body with multiple stab wounds was found 100 km away from the city. A male colleague has confessed to the crime. Both the incidents sent shivers down the spines of Bangaloreans. Families of the victims as well as the killers were shattered. In the second case, the girl's family suffered repeated tragedies. Her brother died in a road accident in Kolkata in 2003. The mother, who never got over the grief, succumbed to a heart attack the following year. The only surviving member of the family now is her father, a retired Railway Protection Force officer. And the killer is survived by his mother, who is already looking after her mother.

Instead of pointing fingers at each other we need to put our heads together and find ways to curb crime. The police should intensify night patrolling. Whatever happened to the concept of beat policemen? Resident associations must alert the police of suspicious persons or activity. BPOs or any company where night duty is involved, must ensure that employees get adequate security. Women staff, in particular, must be advised to use official vehicles instead of going on their own or taking a lift. Every citizen must learn to take care of himself. Don't invite trouble. And, of course, the government must strengthen and modernise the police force. Bangalore needs better policing.

Helmets: Why the confusion?

Along with crime, the accident rate is also increasing. Take the helmets issue. Though the police, on the directive of the high court, has fixed August 1 as the day for making helmets compulsory for two-wheeler riders and those on the pillion, the government is vacillating. Several reports in the last few months have recommended helmets to prevent head injuries during accidents. Yet, there have been protests. Politicians have chipped in from CM to deputy CM to legislators. Everyone is speaking for and against the move. It is surprising. Why is an issue that concerns the lives (read heads) of people embroiled in such a debate? How come politicians take so much interest? Two-wheeler riders are confused. They need a firm yes or no. Are those at the helm listening?

IT capital and its world-class roads!

Another area of concern is roads. A committee appointed by the high court has come down heavily on consultants, contractors, ward engineers and accounts staff for poor quality of road works. It says mismanagement of funds and administrative irregularities are the bane of Bangalore's roads. The tests that need to be done to build world-class roads, as citizens were made to believe, are dismal and inadequate. Added to it is the poor drainage system. The Panel has suggested that the accountant general take over auditing work of the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike to put an end to bungling. It has also made several other recommendations. If implemented, driving on Bangalore's roads will be heavenly. Only a stern order by the courts will break the official-contractor nexus in the BMP.

PARTING SHOT...

From one family rule to another

Siddaramaiah, the one-time blue-eyed boy of Deve Gowda, has finally joined the Congress. His only aim in life is (no it's not the CM's post anymore, at least that's what he says) to put an end to the family politics of Gowda. But the Congress too believes in dynastic rule. To that he says, "The Nehru family has made several sacrifices for the country. But the Gowda family is sacrificing the country for its selfish needs." Congressmen are jumping with joy. The prized catch will not only fetch them Ahinda votes but give them the strength to take on Gowda. Siddaramaiah will, however, have to take cautious steps in his new home. There are too many power centres.

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Quota: Ramaswamy Says Faculty, Infrastructure Underutilised

By Mathang Seshagiri/TNN

Bangalore: Just when the Oversight committee chairman M Veerappa Moily asked for a whopping Rs 20,000 crore to implement quota in higher education institutes, N S Ramaswamy, national research professor (Management) and IIM-B Board member, has told the human resource department ministry not to spend even a single rupee on educational institutes, including IITs and IIMs, in the name of quota.

"IITs/IIMs are not justified in seeking funds from the government to implement quota. Both infrastructure and faculty — the key excuses for not implementing the 27% reservation — are being grossly underutilised in these institutes," Ramaswamy told *Sunday Times of India*.

His key recommendations include increasing the number of working days and teaching hours. "Most institutes function for 180-200 days a year. They should work for at least 300 days a year. Management and technical institutes including IITs and IIMs should work from 6 am to 10 pm in double shifts. Morning shifts for regular students and evenings for OBC students. When in Scandinavian countries where it's -40 degrees, they can start classes at 6 am, why can't we?," he said.

Ramaswamy has also asked the ministry to abolish housing facility for faculty and students. "There's no proof that interaction between faculty and students increases if they stay on campus. In fact, it leads to more conflicts and politics on campus. Institutes needn't provide housing facility for faculty members. These houses should instead be offered to poor students or to poor faculty members who can't afford accommodation outside campus. Even top universities like Stanford and Harvard do not provide housing for faculty," he said.

He also dismissed the need to recruit more faculty. "When the existing faculty are under-worked why should we recruit more? On an average, the faculty at IIMs teach for only 100 hours a year. This should be increased to at least 150 180 hours," he said. The money raised through management development programmes (MDPs), he further added, was more than sufficient to hike salaries of PGP professors.

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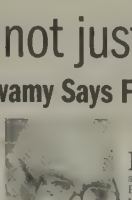

Renewing the fee hike debate, Ramaswamy said the government should not impose restrictions on the fee charged by premier B-schools. "What is the point in subsidising fees to Rs 1.5 lakh when they will get a salary of Rs 3 lakh a month after graduating? All self-financing institutes should be allowed to charge more and the excess amount should be used as a cross-subsidy for poor, meritorious students. The fee at IIMs should be at least Rs 3 lakh," said Ramaswamy.

LAST-MINUTE RUSH: People line up to file returns at the income-tax office in Bangalore on Saturday. The last date for filing returns is Monday. This year, you can also file your returns at designated post offices.

Age-old retirement story continues

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The government is mulling enhancement of retirement age for medical college teaching staff from the present 58 to 65 years. This move was however, shot down by earlier cabinets.

The government is also offering attractive incentives and an option to health department doctors to join medical colleges as teaching staff. Medical education minister V S Acharya on Saturday said the next cabinet will take a decision on both issues.

"We will decide on autonomy to Bangalore and Mysore medical colleges, on enhancing retirement age to 65 and offering attractive salaries to the staff," he said, adding that five increments were given to the newly hired teaching staff at Belgaum and Mandya medical colleges.

The number of seats for medical students in government quota will increase by 25% from the existing 990 this academic year.

The numbers had gone up after 200 additional seats from government colleges in Mandya and Belgaum were approved by the Medical Council of India (MCI), besides 50 seats in the newly approved M V J Medical College in Bangalore and 25 in the Basaveshwara Medical College in Chitradurga.

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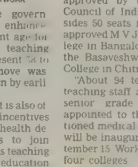

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The respective departments will decide on the intake of students.

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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This was one of the issues discussed at a national seminar on road traffic injuries at the NIMHANS on Saturday.

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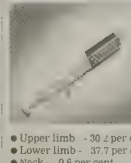

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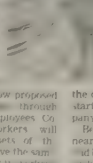

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DH News Service

DAVANGERE: Horticulture Department in the State has sought enhanced budget allocation of Rs 7[illegible] the promotion of horticultural activities this year.

Going by the present trend of utilisation of the funds and inefficiency of the officials, the department is likely to incur a loss of 50 per cent of the allocation. This was indicated by Horticulture Minister Shashikanth Navak himself.

Expressing unhappiness over the style of functioning of the officials, the minister told media persons on Sunday the State had 415 farms in 9,000 hectare. Most of these farms were incurring 50 per cent losses. This was largely due to the inefficiency of the officials, who had little interest in developing farms, he lamented.

He said the deputy directors of Horticulture Department had been given an ultimatum to turn the farms into profit-making ventures in the next six months.

Those failing to show results would be suspended, he warned.

He said the government was ready to create infrastructure if the farms lacked them. Priority would be given for natural farming in the farms, Nayak explained.

Recruitment

The minister said the government had decided to fill 1,540 vacant posts in the Department on contract basis. The proposal was pending with the Finance Department.

Already, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy had given green signal for fresh recruitment.

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Former Lokayukta N Venkatachala with actress Malavika at a programme organised to felicitate meritorious students at R V Teachers' College in Bangalore on Sunday.

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Detracting from his inspiring talk to students, he spoke about why the JD(S) had to part ways with the Congress and join hands with the BJP.

Venkatachala also added that this was warranted on account of no party getting a majority in the elections.

PROFITABLE TOURISM SEGMENT

Regularisation of home-stay mooted

DH News Services

BANGALORE: The State Government is planning to regularise home-stay accommodation in the State, by initiating a certification process for the sector. The plan follows a government of India directive to ensure security of tourists and transparency in setting up home-stay facilities.

Home-stay has emerged as a profitable tourism segment in areas like Madikeri, Chickmagalur and parts of Shimoga. However, aspects like safety of tourists and lack of road connectivity also need to be addressed, apart from ensuring amenities like telephones and Internet. With a certification process, we hope to tackle these issues," Minister for Tourism and Infrastructure B Sriramulu told reporters on Saturday.

He said the State Government will meet home-stay entrepreneurs in August to further the certification plans.

Palace-on-Wheels

Mr Sriramulu said the Tourism Department expected to complete the Palace on Wheels project by the end of 2006.

The 18-bogey (each with a capacity of 114 passengers) train will offer high-end services including a gymnasium and a swanky dining hall.

The Minister said the Sound and Light programme at the Mysore Palace would be launched on August 15.

He said the government also planned to develop Nandi Hills on a Public Private Participation (PPP) model.

IN CARDS

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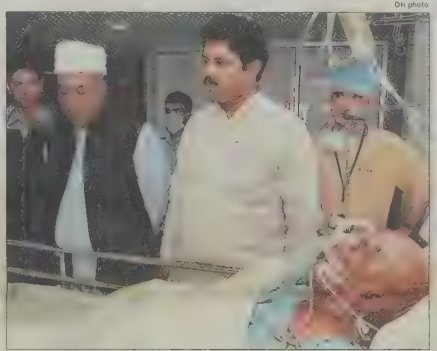

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Those failing to show results would be suspended, he warned.

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Recruitment

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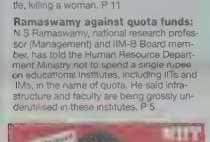

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Speaking at the inauguration of the Circular Railway service between Kolkata airport and Dum Dum cantonment on Saturday, railway minister Lalu Prasad said the proposal had been discussed at the Railway Board and there was a consensus that such a step was in deed necessary.

"Passengers' safety and security is our top most concern; we cannot take any chances," Lalu said. Close circuit television and metal detectors will be installed and sniffer dogs deployed at stations.

Though Lalu did not say if platform tickets would be phased out, he did refer to how easy it was for criminals to enter platforms by simply buying a ticket for Rs 3.

A railway official, while stressing the need to have fool-proof security, spoke of the need to improve infrastructure to make the proposed ban effective.

"There are no scanners in railway stations like in airports. So, how would this ban deter a miscreant — who would only have to purchase a valid ticket to enter the platform or even a train — needs to be addressed," said an official.

Unlike airports, railway stations also do not have trolleys to transport luggage to the train compartments. "Single women travellers and senior citizens would be the most inconvenienced as they generally bank on relatives or friends at both boarding and disembarking points," he said.

Helmets not compulsory; CM defers decision

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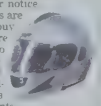
Bangalore: The helmet rule for two wheeler riders, which was supposed to come into effect from August 1, has been deferred.

Chief minister H D Kumaraswamy told the *Sunday Times of India* that a decision to this effect has been taken following public outcry against the timing of the rule and specifics of its application.

"It has come to our notice that two-wheeler riders are seeking more time to buy helmets. Moreover there has been opposition to make the rule mandatory for the pillion-rider. We don't want the riders to be subjected to harassment on these counts so we have decided to put it off for some more time," Kumaraswamy said while reiterating that the government was committed to following the Karnataka High Court's directive to make helmet-wearing compulsory.



The deferred period could be a month or two. The official communication on putting the decision on hold will be issued on Monday. The pillion riders might also be spared, Kumaraswamy said. Even as the government has bought time on the issue, the Bangalore city police was all geared up to start collecting fine from Tuesday from those flouting the helmet rule.

Speaking to reporters after the inauguration of newly built Cubbon Park Police station annexe building on Saturday, police commissioner N Achuta Rao said: "The Government Order (GO) making helmet-wearing compulsory will come into force from August 1. This GO has not been withdrawn. It will be implemented from the early morning of Tuesday."

"If the government withdraws this notification, we will not implement it," he however, added.

It was not just the police, the transport department too was all prepared to implement the decision. Transport secretary D Thangara), speaking at a seminar on traffic injuries at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences here on Saturday, said: "We think it is necessary to make helmets compulsory."

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Soaring to new heights

Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene (right) and Kumar Sangakkara congratulate each other after they broke the record for the highest partnership in Test cricket, in their match against South Africa in Colombo on Saturday. Their 624-run partnership gave Lanka a lead of 587. Jayawardene was out for 374. Page 17

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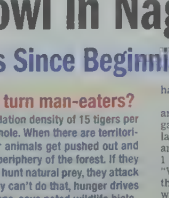

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By Joseph Hoover/TNN

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The latest was on Friday morning, when a tribal was devoured. The 26-year-old Chennappa had gone into the dense Balele forest to answer nature's call, when the feline [illegible] His wife saw Chennappa mauled and shouted [illegible] by the time her neighbours could respond, the tiger had gone into the bush, devouring a [illegible] of his thigh and shoulder. [illegible]taka Forest Department officials [illegible] a tiger [illegible] to find out whether it was that tiger that killed an [illegible] in January 2006.

Why do they turn man-eaters?

There is a high population density of 15 tigers per 100 sqkm in Nagarahole. When there are territorial fights, the weaker animals get pushed out and begin to live on the periphery of the forest. If they are injured and can't hunt natural prey, they attack cattle. And when they can't do that, hunger drives them to attack humans, says noted wildlife biologist Ullas Karanth.

A tiger had attacked a worker of a coffee plantation, which borders the forests, on Wednesday. Another tribal was attacked in February.

Forest officials have not been able to place a finger on the prowling tiger, as it is operating around a huge periphery of the National Park.

A tigress had been poached at a coffee plantation at Kothur (Virajpet) in early March. Officials had then thought that could be the man-eater, but they have been proved wrong. With two attacks in three days, forest officials are on high alert now.

Though Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (wildlife) A K Varma has instructed his staff to do a thorough investigation, fear is palpable among the tribals, who dwell in hamlets and subsist on forest labour.

"There was commotion in the area when Chennappa's relatives gathered. But my officers have allayed their fears. I have given clearance for an ex-gratia payment of Rs 1 lakh to the family," said Varma. "We need to be 100 per cent sure that it is one tiger, and not two, which is creating trouble. Only then can we take necessary action."

Project Tiger field director (Nagarahole and Bandipur) C Srinivasa said, "We have set up traps. We hope we can solve this problem soon."

Do we eliminate the marauding tiger? "That the attack has occurred in the same region indicates the tiger is old or injured. If the tiger is identified, it has to be eliminated. They could either trap or shoot it outside the forest," said noted wildlife biologist Ullas Karanth.

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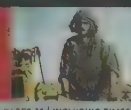

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SNAPSHOTS

A policeman tries to douse the flames after Rajneesh Kumar tried to immolate himself in New Delhi on Saturday. Kumar, who was admitted to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, died later. He was sitting in protest since May 25 seeking release of his wife and three children who were kidnapped in Etah, UP.

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Folklorist Karim Khan dead: Gandhinagar and Kannada folklorist S K Karim Khan passed away on Saturday. He was 84. He was given a state funeral and buried in the Jilsoor burial grounds. A bachelor, Khan lived for many years out of a hotel room in Basavanagudi before moving in with his brother Jaffer's family a few years ago P 5

Blue-eyed shooting spree: A gun-wielding man believed to be of Pakistani descent went angry with security, went on a shooting spree at the Boeing Centre in Seattle killing a person. P 11

Ramaswamy against quota funds: N S Ramaswamy, national research professor and member of UGC-B Board member, has told the Human Resource Department Ministry not to spend a single rupee on educational institutes, including IITs and IIMs, in the name of quota. He said infrastructure and faculty are being grossly underutilised in these institutes. P 5

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Non-Passengers Won't Be Allowed On Platform; CCTVs To Be Installed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: As part of strengthening security following increased threat perceptions, the railway ministry has decided to restrict entry of people onto station platforms.

Once the ban comes into effect — the date is yet to be decided — only passengers will be allowed onto platforms. Visitors will have to bid them farewell at the entry gates (where passenger tickets would be checked) or receive them outside the exit gate.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Circular Railway service between Kolkata airport and Dum Dum cantonment on Saturday, railway minister Lalu Prasad said the proposal had been discussed at the Railway Board and there was a consensus that such a step was indeed necessary.

"Passengers' safety and security is our top most concern; we cannot take any chances," Lalu said. Close circuit television and metal detectors will be installed and sniffer dogs deployed at stations.

Though Lalu did not say if platform tickets would be phased out, he did refer to how easy it was for criminals to enter platforms by simply buying a ticket for Rs 3.

A railway official, while stressing the need to have fool-proof security, spoke of the need to improve infrastructure to make the proposed ban effective.

"There are no scanners in railway stations like in airports. So, how would this ban deter a miscreant who would only have to purchase a valid ticket to enter the platform or even a train needs to be addressed," said an official.

Unlike airports, railway stations also do not have trolleys to transport luggage to the train compartments. Single women travellers and senior citizens would be the most inconvenienced as they generally bank on relatives or friends at both boarding and disembarking points," he said.

Helmets not compulsory; CM defers decision

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The helmet rule for two-wheeler riders, which was supposed to come into effect from August 1, has been deferred.

Chief minister H D Kumaraswamy told the *Sunday Times of India* that a decision to this effect has been taken following public outcry against the timing of the rule and specifics of its application.

"It has come to our notice that two-wheeler riders are seeking more time to buy helmets. Moreover, there has been opposition to make the rule mandatory for the pillion rider. We don't want the riders to be subjected to harassment on these counts so we have decided to put it off for some more time," Kumaraswamy said while reiterating that the government was committed to following the Karnataka High Court's directive to make helmet wearing compulsory.

The deferred period could be a month or two. The official communication on putting the decision on hold will be issued on Monday. The pillion rider would be exempted, Kumaraswamy said. However, the government has not [illegible] the Bangalore city police [illegible] up to start collecting fine [illegible] from those flouting the helmet rule.

Speaking to reporters after the inauguration of newly built Cubbon Park Police station's annexe building on Saturday, police commissioner N Achuta Rao said: "The Government Order (GO) making helmet wearing compulsory will come into force from August 1. This GO cannot be withdrawn, it will be implemented from the early morning of Tuesday.

"If the government withdraws this notification, we will not implement it," he however added.

It was not just the police, the transport department too was all prepared to implement the decision. Transport secretary D Thangaraj, speaking at a seminar on road traffic injuries at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurological Sciences here on Saturday, said: "We think it is necessary to make helmets compulsory."

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Soaring to new heights

Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene (right) and Kumar Sangakkara congratulate each other after they broke the record for the highest partnership in Test cricket, in their match against South Africa in Colombo on Saturday. Their 624-run partnership gave Lanka a lead of 587. Jayawardene was out for 374. Page 17

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Let us join hands to save Bangalore from this mess

TO THE POINT

H S Balram

Happening city Bangalore is caught in a maze. It just doesn't know how to get out of it. The coalition government is shaky, what with the partners at each other's throat. Veteran Deve Gowda is on a letter writing spree that does more harm than good. Crime is on the increase with women bearing the brunt. Simple issues like helmets for two-wheeler riders are highly politicised. Roads continue to be in bad shape with contractors and government engineers doing a shoddy job and siphoning off tax-payers' money. Traffic chaos continues.

Take crime. The city has a large number of BPOs dotting its length and breadth, providing employment and good salaries to thousands of young women and men. Every other family has someone working for a BPO. Living conditions have improved. The only drawback is long and odd working hours. Night shifts are regular. BPOs have taken adequate measures to pick them up from home and drop them back. Yet, these employees fall prey to criminals as some prefer to go on their own or some are lured into a trap. This is happening with alarming regularity.

A year ago, a woman employee was raped and killed by a driver who tricked her into going in his vehicle though it was not scheduled to pick her up. Two days ago another woman refused the official vehicle and took a lift from her boyfriend. Her body with multiple stab wounds was found 100 km away from the city. A male colleague has confessed to the crime. Both the incidents sent shivers down the spines of Bangaloreans. Families of the victims as well as the killers were shattered. In the second case, the girl's family suffered repeated tragedies. Her brother died in a road accident in Kolkata in 2003. The mother, who never got over the grief, succumbed to a heart attack the following year. The only surviving member of the family now is her father, a retired Railway Protection Force officer. And the killer is survived by his mother, who is already looking after her mother.

Instead of pointing fingers at each other, we need to put our heads together and find ways to curb crime. The police should intensify night patrolling. Whatever happened to the concept of beat policemen? Resident associations must alert the police of suspicious persons or activity. BPOs or any company where night duty is involved, must ensure that employees get adequate security. Women staff, in particular, must be advised to use official vehicles instead of going on their own or taking a lift. Every citizen must learn to take care of himself. Don't invite trouble. And, of course, the government must strengthen and modernise the police force. Bangalore needs better policing.

Helmets: Why the confusion?

Along with crime, the accident rate is also increasing. Take the helmets issue. Though the police, on the directive of the high court, has fixed August 1 as the day for making helmets compulsory for two-wheeler riders and those on the pillion, the government is vacillating. Several reports, including that of NIMHANS, have recommended helmets to prevent head injuries during accidents. Yet, there have been protests. Politicians have chipped in from CM to deputy CM to legislators. Everyone is speaking for and against the move. It is surprising. Why is an issue that concerns the lives (read heads) of people embroiled in such a debate? How come politicians take so much interest? Two-wheeler riders are confused. They need a firm yes or no. Are those at the helm listening?

IT capital and its world-class roads!

Another area of concern is roads. A committee appointed by the high court has come down heavily on consultants, contractors, ward engineers and accounts staff for poor quality of road works. It says mismanagement of funds and administrative irregularities are the bane of Bangalore's roads. The tests that need to be done to build world-class roads, as citizens were made to believe, are dismal and inadequate. Added to it is the poor drainage system. The panel has suggested that the accountant-general take over auditing work of the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike to put an end to bungling. It has also made several other recommendations. If implemented, driving on Bangalore's roads will be heavenly. Only a stern order by the courts will break the official contractor nexus in the BMP.

PARTING SHOT

From one family rule to another

Siddaramaiah, the one-time blue-eyed boy of Deve Gowda, has finally joined the Congress. His only aim in life is (no, it's not the CM's post anymore, at least that's what he says) to put an end to the family politics of Gowda. But the Congress too believes in dynastic rule. To that he says, "The Nehru family has made several sacrifices for the country. But the Gowda family is sacrificing the country for its selfish needs." Congressmen are jumping with joy. The prized catch will not only fetch them Ahinda votes but give them the strength to take on Gowda. Siddaramaiah will, however, have to take cautious steps in his new home. There are too many power centres.

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IIMs, IITs not justified in seeking funds

Quota: Ramaswamy Says Faculty, Infrastructure Underutilised

By Mathang Seshagiri/TNN

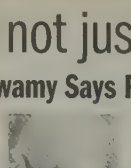
Bangalore: Just when the Oversight committee chairman M Veerappa Moily asked for a whopping Rs 20,000 crore to implement quota in higher education institutes, N S Ramaswamy, national research professor (Management) and IIM-B Board member, has told the human resource department ministry not to spend even a single rupee on educational institutes, including IITs and IIMs, in the name of quota.

"IITs/IIMs are not justified in seeking funds from the government to implement quota. Both infrastructure and faculty — the key excuses for not implementing the 27% reservation — are being grossly underutilised in these institutes," Ramaswamy told *Sunday Times of India*.

His key recommendations include increasing the number of working days and teaching hours. "Most institutes function for 180-200 days a year. They should work for at least 300 days a year. Management and technical institutes including IITs and IIMs should work from 6 am to 10 pm in double shifts. Morning shifts for regular students and evenings for OBC students. When in Scandinavian countries where it's -40 degrees, they can start classes at 6 am, why can't we?," he said.

Ramaswamy has also asked the ministry to abolish housing facility for faculty and students. "There's no proof that interaction between faculty and students increases if they stay on campus. In fact, it leads to more conflicts and politics on campus. Institutes needn't provide housing facility for faculty members. These houses should instead be offered to poor students or to poor faculty members who can't afford accommodation outside campus. Even top universities like Stanford and Harvard do not provide housing for faculty," he said.

He also dismissed the need to recruit more faculty. "When the existing faculty are under-worked why should we recruit more? On an average, the faculty at IIMs teach for only 100 hours a year. This should be increased to at least 150-180 hours," he said. The money raised through management development programmes (MDPs), he further added, was more than sufficient to hike salaries of PGP professors.



'Allow hike in fees'

Renewing the fee hike debate, Ramaswamy said the government should not impose restrictions on the fee charged by premier B-schools. "What is the point in subsidising fees to Rs 1.5 lakh when they will get a salary of Rs 3 lakh a month after graduating? All self-financing institutes should be allowed to charge more and the excess amount should be used as a cross-subsidy for poor, meritorious students. The fee at IIMs should be at least Rs 3 lakh," said Ramaswamy.

LAST-MINUTE RUSH: People line up to file returns at the income-tax office in Bangalore on Saturday. The last date for filing returns is Monday. This year, you can also file your returns at designated post offices.

Age-old retirement story continues

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The government is mulling enhancement of retirement age for medical college teaching staff from the present 58 to 65 years. This move was, however, shot down by earlier cabinets.

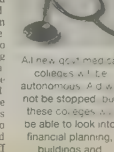
The government is also offering attractive incentives and an option to health department doctors to join medical colleges as teaching staff. Medical education minister V S Acharya on Saturday said the next cabinet will take a decision on both issues.

"We will decide on autonomy to Bangalore and Mysore medical colleges, on enhancing retirement age to 65 and offering attractive salaries to the staff," he said adding that five increments were given to the newly hired teaching staff at Belgaum and Mandya medical colleges.

The number of seats for medical students under government quota will increase by 3% from the existing 990 this academic year.

The numbers had gone up after 200 additional seats from government colleges in Mandya and Belgaum were approved by the Medical Council of India (MCI) besides 50 seats in the newly approved M V J Medical College in Bangalore and 25 in the Basaveshwara Medical College in Chitradurga.

"About 94 teaching and non-teaching staff and senior grade lecturers will be appointed to the two above-mentioned medical colleges that will be inaugurated on September 15. Work on the new four colleges — Bidar, Shimoga, Hassan and Raichur — is in full swing and will be completed by December 2007," Acharya said.



All new govt medical colleges will be autonomous. Adding that not be stopped but these colleges should be able to look into financial planning, buildings and maintenance and appoint staff without govt interference, the minister said.

Districts sans colleges: The government has decided to open medical colleges in Chamarajanagar and Gulbarga-based persons to opt for Koppal, Karwar said.

Better evaluation in BU?

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Bangalore University's reputation of infamous evaluations might finally change for good. The syndicate meeting held on Saturday decided to appoint a technical advisory committee to enhance the performance of the evaluation unit.

The committee, which includes prominent names of educationists, will be headed by BU registrar (evaluation) T A Parthasarathy. It will meet once a month and assess the process of evaluation and announcement of results, and suggest improvement measures.

The syndicate also decided to introduce self-financing courses in MSc from this academic year in molecular biology and life sciences. There will also be a post-graduate diploma in electronic media. Applications for these will be issued shortly. The respective departments will decide on the intake of students.

The Forum for Free Thought or Mukta Chintana Vedike, the weekend interactive forum, will be kicked off on August 4 with historian Ramachandra Guha discussing the challenges of contemporary history. The weekend series will be formally launched by governor and BU chancellor T N Chaturvedi.

Next on the calendar is a two-day seminar on 'women and science', organised by the department of women of centre studies on August 21. The seminar will be inaugurated by president A P J Abdul Kalam.

BU is also gearing up for the grand celebration of Suvarna Karnataka. A committee has been formed for the celebration that will be kicked off on Kannada Rajyotsava.

'Drunk drivers must face music'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: It has been estimated that for every 10 lakh road accidents at least 1.5 million people are hospitalised. While accidents leave many families without breadwinners, several others are left disabled for life.

This was one of the issues discussed at a national seminar on road traffic injuries at the NIMHANS on Saturday.

NIMHANS director Dr D Nagaraj said better engineering of roads, greater degree of implementation of rules will reduce accidents. "It's time we cracked the whip on drunken driving," he felt.

Karnataka has been rated the third highest in road accidents followed by Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. According to state records, at least 903 people have died and 7,000 people injured from road traffic accidents in the city in 2004, and 75 per cent were in the age group 15-44.

- Upper limb — 30.2 per cent
- Lower limb — 37.7 per cent
- Neck — 0.6 per cent
- Head — 33.7 per cent
- Face — 37.2 per cent

Risk higher without helmets

A study in 23 hospitals showed that of the 40,000 cases, 42 per cent were fatal and 43 per cent injuries. While a majority of them were riding two-wheelers, 26 per cent were pedestrians.

From the nature of injuries it was noticed that not wearing helmets make injuries 2.5 times higher. While one third of injuries were in the head — concussions, haemorrhage and skull fractures — 37 per cent were facial, 32 % upper limbs and 0.6 % neck injuries.

Border row: all-party team to meet PM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Belgaum: The government will lead an all-party delegation to the Centre on August 2 to appraise Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of the state's stand on the Karnataka Maharashtra border dispute.

Prior to this, an all-party meeting and a discussion of Kannada activists will be held in Bangalore on Monday, chief minister H D Kumaraswamy said on Saturday.

An all-party team from Maharashtra, led by chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, met the PM recently to spell out its stand and put pressure on the Centre. Kumaraswamy felt the Centre should not succumb to such pressures.

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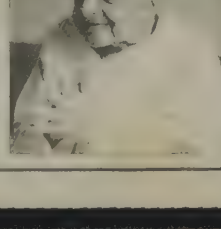

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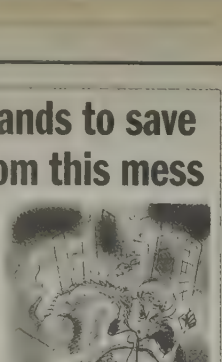

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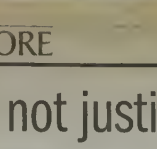
His key recommendations include increasing the number of working days and teaching hours. "Most institutes function for 180-200 days a year. They should work for at least 300 days a year. Management and technical institutes including IITs and IIMs should work from 6 am to 10 pm in double shifts. Morning shifts for regular students and evenings for OBC students. When in Scandinavian countries where it's -40 degrees, they can start classes at 6 am, why can't we?," he said.

Ramaswamy has also asked the ministry to abolish housing facility for faculty and students. "There's no proof that interaction between faculty and students increases if they stay on campus. In fact, it leads to more conflicts and politics on campus. Institutes needn't provide housing facility for faculty members. These houses should instead be offered to poor students or to poor faculty members who can't afford accommodation outside campus. Even top universities like Stanford and Harvard do not provide housing for faculty," he said.

He also dismissed the need to recruit more faculty. "When the existing faculty are under-worked why should we recruit more? On an average, the faculty at IIMs teach for only 100 hours a year. This should be increased to at least 150-180 hours," he said. The money raised through management development programmes (MDPs), he further added, was more than sufficient to hike salaries of PGP professors.



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LAST-MINUTE RUSH: People line up to file returns at the income-tax office in Bangalore on Saturday. The last date for filing returns is Monday. This year, you can also file your returns at designated post offices.

Age-old retirement story continues

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The government is mulling enhancement of retirement age for medical college teaching staff from the present 58 to 65 years. This move was, however, shot down by earlier cabinets.

The government is also offering attractive incentives and an option to health department doctors to join medical colleges as teaching staff. Medical education minister V S Acharya on Saturday said the next cabinet will take a decision on both issues.

"We will decide on autonomy to Bangalore and Mysore medical colleges, on enhancing retirement age to 65 and offering attractive salaries to the staff," he said, adding that five increments were given to the newly hired teaching staff at Belgaum and Mandya medical colleges.

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The numbers had gone up after 200 additional seats from government colleges in Mandya and Belgaum were approved by the Medical Council of India (MCI) besides 50 seats in the management quota approved by M V J Medical College in Bangalore and 25 in the Basaveshwara Medical College in Chitradurga.

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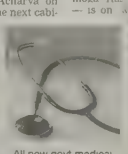

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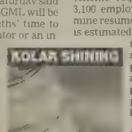

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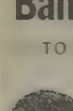

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Ramaswamy has also asked the ministry to abolish housing facility for faculty and students "There's no proof that interaction between faculty and students increases if they stay on campus In fact, it leads to more conflicts and politics on campus. Institutes needn't provide housing facility for faculty members. These houses should instead be offered to poor students or to poor faculty members who can't afford accommodation outside campus. Even top universities like Stanford and Harvard do not provide housing for faculty," he said

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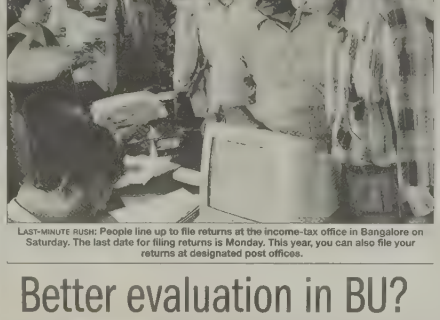

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Age-old retirement story continues

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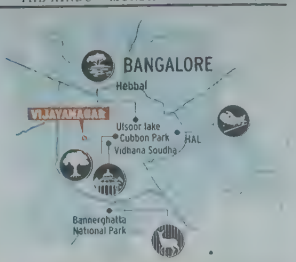

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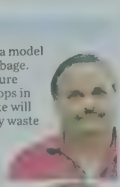

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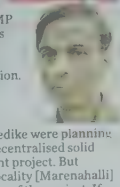

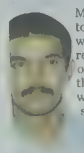

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BANGALORE: Three Class X students of a private school here have topped the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) examination held in June 2014 in three subjects at the national level. While Ani Mehta has secured the first rank in English, Uma Shekhawat topped in Entrepreneurship and Mahesh Bhide has stood first in Chemistry. They are students of Indus International School.

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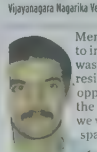

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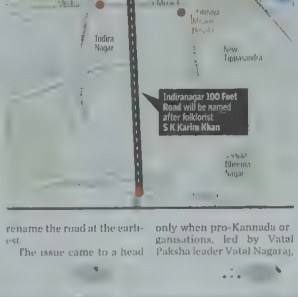

The issue came to a head only when pro-Kannada organisations, led by Vatal Paksha leader Vatal Nagaraj, staged a protest in the BBMP head office on Monday. They threatened to rename the road themselves. The Mayor then met the protesters and assured them of renaming the road soon.

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Election notification

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Bruhadarankaya Upanishad: Discourse by K.G. Subraya Shanma. Vedanta Nilaya [illegible]. 9.30 a.m.

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Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath: [illegible] at 10.30 a.m.

Crimson: Notebook 2014, [illegible] at 10 a.m.

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• GENERAL

Lawyers' Forum for Social Justice: National seminar on National Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2014. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates. Keynote address by Advocate General Ravivarma Kumar. Yavanika Nrupathunga Road, 10 a.m.

Vimochana: Round Table on 'Section 498(a) with Justice Hiremagalur Kantaraj (Retd.), Karnataka High Court. Vimochana, 4th Cross, Thyagaraj Layout, Jalahalli, Nagar, 10 a.m.

Government of Karnataka and State Level Bankers Committee: Chief Minister [illegible] Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Ananth Kumar attend. Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha, 3.30 p.m.

Government of India and District Administration, Bangalore Urban District, Government of Karnataka: Launch of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana by Transport Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy. Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Dinesh Gundu Rao presides. Shishakara Sadan, Kempe Gowda Road, 4 p.m.

ASSOCHAM: Karnataka Manufacturing Summit 2014. S.R. Patil, Minister for IT, BT and ST participates. Hotel Le Meridien, Sankey Road, 10 a.m.

Aushadhi Vani, Kannada Monthly: Release of Aushadhi Vani. Health Minister U.T. Khader and State Drug Controller Raghuram Bhandari attend. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road, 2 p.m.

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SEEKING BLESSINGS: *The Netaji Nagareekara Jagruti Vedike will install 'Panduranga Ganapa' on Friday near Netaji Circle, Susheela Naidu Kalyana Mantap Road, G.S. Nagar, Nandini Layout. The former Minister H.M. Revanna will be the chief guest for the cultural programme beginning from 6.30 p.m. when dancer Chamaraj will perform. On August 30, playback singer Chetan will perform, and Energy Minister D.K. Shivakumar, MLA Gopalaiah and the former MLA N.L. Narendra Babu will be the chief guests. The next day, Sudarshana Homa will be held followed by a mass feeding programme. The idol will be taken out in a procession on a palanquin decorated with pearls, ahead of its immersion.*

Session on terrace gardening

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Those interested in terrace gardening can head to J.P. Nagar II phase this Sunday.

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B.N. Vishwanath, president of Garden City Farmers, told presspersons that the event was being organised to promote organic urban terrace farming among urban dwellers, and make available [illegible] gardening-related [illegible] on one platform.

Tejaswini Ananthkumar, director of Adamya Chetana, said: "We have plans to conduct awareness programmes on 'oota from your thota' - food from your garden in schools where we distribute food every day.

'Oota from your thota' to be held on Durgaparameshwari grounds near Rangashankara on Sunday

'I won't honk' campaign in city

Special Correspondent

BANGALORE: Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Bangalore Traffic Police jointly inaugurated the 'I won't honk' campaign on Wednesday, said a press release.

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During the campaign, police will suggest guidelines to public for installation of horns within permissible limits, raise awareness among drivers on the ill-effects of noise pollution due to honking.

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Repeated demand

Over the past eight years, repeated requests have been made to the BBMP to implement the 2006 resolution. The previous two council meetings too witnessed requests by D.J. Halli councillor Sampath Raj, urging the Mayor to direct officials to rename the road at the earliest.

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On Wednesday, Mr. Sathyanarayana met pro-Kannada organisations, along with C.V. Raman Nagar MLA S. Raghu, and scheduled the road renaming ceremony for August 31 at 11.30 a.m.

The former Mayors, Ms. Begum, K.H.N. Simha and S.K. Nataraj, the former Minister B.T. Lalitha Naik, BBMP council's Opposition Leader B.N. Manjunath Reddy and BBMP Commissioner M. Lakshminaravana were present.

Meanwhile, Mr. Vatal Nagaraj urged the government to institute an award in Dr. Khan's name.

Election notification

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BANGALORE: Election to the posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor has been scheduled for September 5.

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Elections to 12 standing committees will be held the same day. Councillors may file their nomination papers for the same after the election of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

The next Mayor and Deputy Mayor will enjoy a six-month tenure.

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• RELIGION

Bruhadaranyaka Upanishad: [illegible] by K.G. Subraya [illegible] Vidyapeeta.

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Srimad Bhagawad Gita Chapter12. Discourse by [illegible] Mission, Ashram Complex, 7th H [illegible] 10 a.m.

• CULTURE

Karnataka Gamaka Parishath [illegible] Gayanasabha.

The Hatworks Boulevard Cunningham Road, 11 a.m.

Kairali: Exhibition of handloom and handicrafts. Kairali, Subharam Complex, M.G. Road, 10 a.m.

• GENERAL

Lawyers' Forum for Social Justice: National seminar on National Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, 2014. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates, keynote address by [illegible] General Ravivarma Kumar, Tavarekoppa Nrupathunga Road, 10 a.m.

Vimochana: Round Table on [illegible] against with Justice Hirehegan Karnataka High Court [illegible]hana 4th Cross, Thyagaraj Layout, Jalahalli, Nagar, 10 a.m.

Government of Karnataka and State-Level Bankers Committee: Chief Minister [illegible] Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Ananth Kumar attend Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha 3.30 p.m.

Government of India and District Administration, Bangalore Urban District, Government of Karnataka: Launch of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana by Transport Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Dinesh Gundu Rao presides, Shivakara Sadan Kempe Gowda Road, 4 p.m.

ASSOCHAM: Karnataka Manufacturing Summit 2014, S.R. Patil, Minister for IT, BT and ST participates, Hotel Le Meridien, Sankey Road, 10 a.m.

Aushadhi Vani, Kannada Monthly: Release of Aushadhi Vani, Health Minister U.T. Khader and State Drug Controller Raghuram Bhandari attend [illegible] Course Road, 2 p.m.

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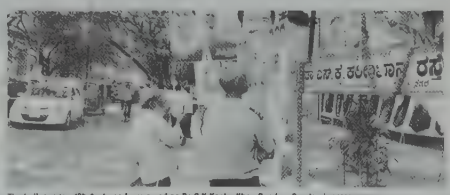

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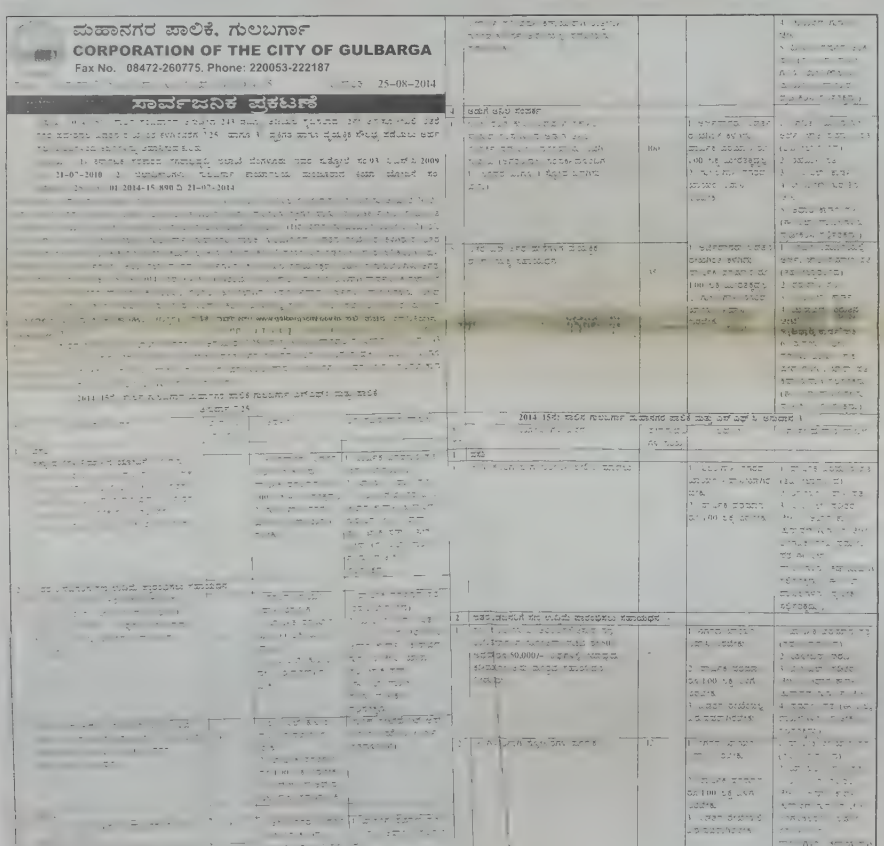

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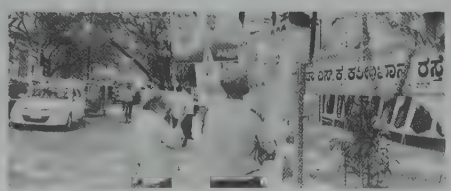

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PF subscribers who have pending grievances pertaining to provident fund, pension etc may send the details of their grievance indicating their name, address, contact PF Code Number, and Account Number, employers details on or before September 3, 2014.

For further details contact Regional Office, Bangalore (22240018), Public Relations Officer, Mysore Road (26603108) and Yelahanka (28460842).

Stop culling strays: NGO

BANGALORE: The Karnataka Animal Rights Activists (KARA) has said that the culling of stray dogs should be stopped at once and efforts should be done to prevent cruelty against the canine population by educating people.

Speaking to reporters, Justice M F Saldanha, former Judge of Karnataka High Court and a member of KARA said that there were several instances of dogs being killed or abandoned near the forest areas to get rid of them and called for the sensitisation of citizens.

Mentioning various legal provisions to protect animals, Justice Saldanha said that there was a need to educate people in this regard.

The members also mentioned several incidents reported in the media as dog bite cases were just sensationalised by the media after they were misled by persons with vested interests. The members have also demanded that a State-level animal welfare board should be constituted.

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Law toppers go for varied job options

Some joining corporate firms, others want to practise or study further

BANGALORE: Sakshi Arvind, the top-ranked student who bagged 10 gold medals at the 22nd annual convocation of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) here on Sunday, aspires to get into policy-making and eventually teach law.

Planning to pursue higher studies through a scholarship at the Oxford University, Sakshi said hard work and spending countless hours in the college library paid off. A native of Udupi, her father is a manager with the State Bank of Mysore and mother was once a Kannada lecturer. Sakshi says she wants to make a difference in the process of public policy-making and eventually teach law.

Juhi Gupta, the second rank holder who secured six gold medals, is all set to join Allen & Overy, an international law firm in the UK to pursue her interest in commercial law. She says she wants to take a break from five years of law study and start working. Her father is a software engineer. Gupta says she sees herself as practising law one day.

Abhinav Sekhri, ranked third, won four gold medals and Vinodini Srinivasan five. One gold each went to Trishee Goyal, Anshula, Srikanth V, Preethi LN, Varsha Srinivasan, Vikram Kirit Shah, Jyoti Maheshwari, Nayana Tara BG, Shreya Jain, Basavanagouda Shivaraj Patil, Swati Chandra and Mayank Agarwal.

In the two-year LLM (Master of Laws) course, Rukma George secured three gold medals while Hafsa Bashir and Rajni Kumawat one gold medal each. In the one-year LLM, Swarnabh Dutta and Anuradha Prasad secured two gold medals each and Zara Fatima Kaiser one. In MBL (Master of Business Law)—a distance education programme—Khandelwal Kalpit Suresh Manju and Kiran BS bagged one gold medal each.

In all, over 647 students received degrees at the convocation. As many as 233 of them secured degrees in Master of Business Law, 117 Post Graduate Diplomas in Intellectual Property Rights Law, 80 BA LLB honours, 51 PG Diplomas in Medical Law and Ethics, 49 one-year LLM, 40 two-year LLM, 32 PG Diplomas in Environmental Law, 15 PG Diplomas in Child Rights Law, 12 PG Diplomas in Human Rights Law, nine PhDs, eight PG Diplomas in Consumer Law and Practice and one an MPhil.

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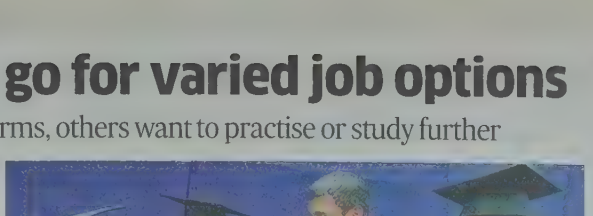

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Speaking at the 22nd annual convocation of the National Law School of India University here, the minister also emphasised strengthening justice delivery system in the country.

Filling vacancies for judicial officers, providing good infrastructure and using information and communication technology in judicial system would not only ensure better delivery of justice but also bring in greater transparency, he explained.

He reiterated that the government had given in-principle approval to 25 percent increase in the number of High Court judges. He stressed the need for alternative dispute resolution mechanism to reduce litigations in courts. He called upon new law graduates to have a heart for the poor and marginalised sections of society. He urged them to choose academia, litigation or legal research instead of joining a corporate law firm. Chief Justice of India Justice Rajendra Mal Lodha was present on the occasion.

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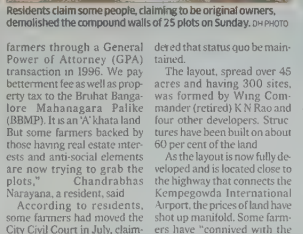

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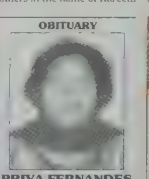

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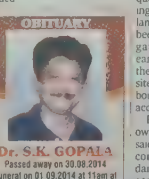

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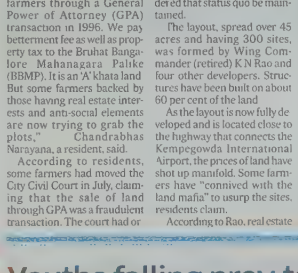

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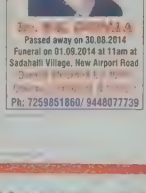

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BANGALORE: Ordering consumer goods to be delivered home is just a call away. From groceries to veggies, pizzas to biryani, everything is delivered at your doorstep. Now, this convenience has been extended to ordering medicines over the phone without a proper prescription — an illegal practice.

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Unfortunately, the trend is fast catching up among youngsters who often go for pills to get over the hangover. Some of the drugs also claim to enhance the experience of consuming liquor.

Youth easy target

Youths are an easy target of advertisements which are being constantly bombarded over radio stations and the Internet.

The number of youths falling prey to such gimmicks is high, in the absence of any mechanism to monitor the delivery of medicines on the doorstep. With stiff competition among traditional chemists/druggists and corporate pharmacies, norms like cross-checking prescription before selling drugs are being flouted with impunity.

V Hari Krishnan, president of Bangalore District Chemists' and Druggists' Association, said: "Our association has over 3,000 members who do not to deliver drugs on the doorstep. Ever since the new drug control law came into force from March this year, we have been strictly prohibited from selling drugs without prescription."

State Drugs Controller, Raghuram Bhandari, said: "We are registering cases and penalising chemists based on the complaints we receive. A chemist was booked for selling pills without prescription and the medicines were confiscated recently. Another chemist was recently was raided."

He added that selling and buying drugs/medicines without prescription is illegal and therefore, a punishable act.

According to experts, youngsters who consume over-the-counter drugs are not aware of their harmful affects.

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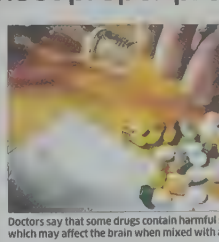

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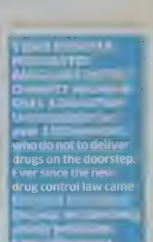

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For further details contact Regional Office, Bangalore (22230118), Public Relations Officer, Mysore Road (28603108) and Yelahanka 28460842)

Stop culling strays: NGO

BANGALORE: The Karnataka Animal Rights Activists (KARA) has said that the culling of stray dogs should be stopped at once and efforts should be done to prevent cruelty against the canine population by educating people.

Speaking to reporters, Justice M F Saldanha, former judge of Karnataka High Court and a member of KARA said that there were several instances of dogs being killed or abandoned near the forest areas to get rid of them and called for the sensitisation of citizens.

Mentioning various legal provisions to protect animals, Justice Saldanha said that there was a need to educate people in this regard.

The members also mentioned several incidents reported in the media as dog bite cases were just sensationalised by the media after they were misled by persons with vested interests. The members have also demanded that a State-level annual welfare board should be constituted.

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Law toppers go for varied job options

Some joining corporate firms, others want to practise or study further

BANGALORE: **Sakshi Arvind, the top-ranked student who bagged 10 gold medals at the 22nd annual convocation of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) here on Sunday, aspires to get into policy-making and eventually teach law.**

Planning to pursue higher studies through a scholarship at the Oxford University, Sakshi said hard work and spending countless hours in the college library paid off. A native of Udupi, her father is a manager with the State Bank of Mysore and mother was once a Kannada lecturer. Sakshi says she wants to make a difference in the process of public policy making and eventually teach law.

Juhi Gupta, the second rank holder who secured six gold medals, is all set to join Allen & Overy, an international law firm in the UK to pursue her interest in commercial law. She says she wants to take a break from five years of law study and start working. Her father is a software engineer. Gupta says she sees herself as practising law one day.

Abhinav Sekhri, ranked third, won four gold medals and Vinodini Srinivasan five. One gold each went to Trishee Goyal, Amshula, Srikanth V, Preethi LN, Varsha Srinivasan, Vikram Kirit Shah, Jyoti Maheshwari, Nayana Tara BG, Shreya Jain, Basavanagouda Shivaraj Patil, Swati Chandra and Mayank Agarwal.

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In all, over 647 students received degrees at the convocation. As many as 233 of them secured degrees in Master of Business Law, 117 Post Graduate Diplomas in Intellectual Property Rights Law, 80 BA LLB honours, 51 PG Diplomas in Medical Law and Ethics, 49 one-year LLM, 40 two-year LLM, 32 PG Diplomas in Environmental Law, 15 PG Diplomas in Child Rights Law, 12 PG Diplomas in Human Rights Law, nine PhDs, eight PG Diplomas in Consumer Law and Practice and one an MPhil.

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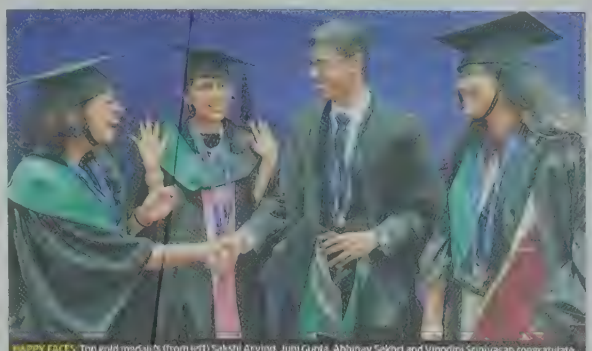

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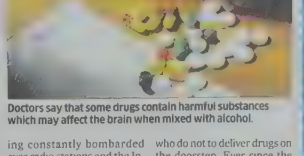

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Bhavishya Nidhi Adalat on Sept 10

BANGALORE, DHNS: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation will conduct Bhavishya Nidhi Adalat on September 10 to redress the grievance of PF subscribers. The Adalat will be held at the office of the regional PF Commissioner, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road, and at the Sub-regional Office, Mysore Road, Rajajeshwan Nagar. It will also be held at the sub-regional Office, Yelahanka New Town, Maruthi Complex.

PF subscribers who have long pending grievances pertaining to provident fund, pension etc may send the details of their grievance indicating their name, address, correct PF Code Number, and Account Number, employers details on or before September 3, 2014

For further details contact Regional Office, Bangalore (22230118), Public Relations Officer, Mysore Road (28603108) and Yelahanka (28460842)

Stop culling strays: NGO

BANGALORE: The Karnataka Animal Rights Activists (KARA) has said that the culling of stray dogs should be stopped at once and efforts should be done to prevent cruelty against the canine population by educating people.

Speaking to reporters, Justice M F Saldanha, former judge of Karnataka High Court and a member of KARA said that there were several instances of dogs being killed or abandoned near the forest areas to get rid of them and called for the sensitisation of citizens.

Mentioning various legal provisions to protect animals, Justice Saldanha said that there was a need to educate people in this regard.

The members also mentioned several incidents reported in the media as dog bite cases. "It is just sensationalised by the media after they were misled by persons with vested interests. The members have also demanded that a State-level animal welfare board should be constituted.

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Law toppers go for varied job options

Some joining corporate firms, others want to practise or study further

BANGALORE: **Sakshi Arvind, the top-ranked student who bagged 10 gold medals at the 22nd annual convocation of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) here on Sunday, aspires to get into policy-making and eventually teach law.**

Planning to pursue higher studies through a scholarship at the Oxford University, Sakshi said hard work and spending countless hours in the college library paid off. A native of Udupi, her father is a manager with the State Bank of Mysore and mother was once a Kannada lecturer. Sakshi says she wants to make a difference in the process of public policy-making and eventually teach law.

Juhi Gupta, the second rank holder who secured six gold medals, is all set to join Allen & Overy, an international law firm in the UK to pursue her interest in commercial law. She says she wants to take a break from five years of law study and start working. Her father is a software engineer. Gupta says she sees herself as practising law one day.

Abhinav Sekhri, ranked third, won four gold medals and Vinodini Srinivasan five. One gold each went to Trishee Goyal, Amshula, Srikanth V, Preethi LN, Varsha Srinivasan, Vikram Krit Shah, Jyoti Maheshwari, Nayana Tara BG, Shreya Jain, Basavanagouda Shivaraj Patil, Swati Chandra and Mayank Agarwal.

In the two-year LLM (Master of Laws) course, Rukma George secured three gold medals while Hafsa Bashir and Rajni Kumawat one gold medal each. In the one-year LLM, Swarnabh Dutta and Anuradha Prasad secured two gold medals each and Zara Fatima Kaiser one. In MBL (Master of Business Law)—a distance education programme—Khandelwal Kalpit Suresh Manju and Kiran BS bagged one gold medal each.

In all, over 647 students received degrees at the convocation. As many as 233 of them secured degrees in Master of Business Law, 117 Post Graduate Diplomas in Intellectual Property Rights Law, 80 BA LLB honours, 51 PG Diplomas in Medical Law and Ethics, 49 one-year LLM, 40 two-year LLM, 32 PG Diplomas in Environmental Law, 15 PG Diplomas in Child Rights Law, 12 PG Diplomas in Human Rights Law, nine PhDs, eight PG Diplomas in Consumer Law and Practice and one an MPhil

Among those who received a degree at the NSLIU convocation was Dr P J Sudhakar, additional director general, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Sudhakar, who has over 100 degrees in various disciplines and holds a world record, secured four new ones on the occasion

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HAPPY FACES: Top gold medalists (from left) Sakshi Arvind, Juhi Gupta, Abhinav Sekhri and Vinodini Srinivasan congratulate each other at the 22nd annual convocation of the National Law School of India University in the City on Sunday. DH PHOTO

66 pc prisoners are undertrials: Union minister

BANGALORE, DHNS: Sixty-six per cent of prisoners in India are undertrials, Union Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad has said, calling it not just a human rights issue but also a matter of great concern to the judicial system.

Speaking at the 22nd annual convocation of the National Law School of India University here, the minister also emphasised strengthening justice delivery system in the country.

Filling vacancies for judicial officers, providing good infrastructure and using information and communication technology in judicial system would not only ensure better delivery of justice but also bring in greater transparency, he explained.

He reiterated that the government had given in-principle approval to 25 percent increase in the number of High Court judges. He stressed the need for alternative dispute resolution mechanism to reduce litigations in courts. He called upon new law graduates to have a heart for the poor and marginalised sections of society. He urged them to choose academia, litigation or civil service instead of joining a corporate law firm. Chief Justice of India Justice Rajendra Mal Lodha was present on the occasion

Award in Kareem Khan's name

BANGALORE, DHNS: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday said the State government was planning to institute an award in the name of renowned folklorist Dr S K Kareem Khan.

"I will discuss with the senior officials about the award, to whom it should be given and in which field. We will consider this matter seriously, in the coming days," he said.

Siddaramaiah made the statement after president of Kannada Okkoota Vatal Nagaraj suggested that the government award freedom fighters, Kannada activists among others in the name of Kareem Khan. Siddaramaiah, however, expressed his disappointment over the delay in renaming the road. "Eight years ago, a resolution was passed on naming of the road but that did not happen," he said.

Nagaraj also urged the chief minister to discuss with Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha on protecting the interest of Kannadigas in Talavadi, a hill-town located on Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border.

"Kannadigas are in large numbers in the Talavadi region but still Tamil is the first language in schools there," he added.

Land-grabbers 'eye' posh layout near KIA

Nivedhita Jain

BANGALORE: Residents and site owners at Royal Enclave, a posh residential layout in Srirampura, off Jakkur, have been spending sleepless nights for the last few days as the fear some people are attempting to grab their prized plots.

The residents said they were in for a shock on Sunday morning when a group of people brought down the compound wall of around 25 sites, despite an existing order from a City court to maintain the status quo. A group of people claiming to be original owners of the land on which the layout has been developed arrived at the gated community with an earthmover and demolished the compound walls of several sites. They also damaged the boundary marks of many plots, according to the residents.

Rathnamala Nagaraj, who owns two sites at the layout, said she was shocked to see the compound wall of her sites damaged. "I had bought the sites in 1998. Now, I will consult my lawyer and take necessary action," she said.

"Most of us have been living here for more than 10 years. We purchased the plots from the developers who had bought the land from land grabbers through a General Power of Attorney (GPA) transaction in 1996. We pay betterment fee as well as property tax to the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). It is an 'A' khata land. But some farmers backed by those having real estate interests and anti-social elements are now trying to grab the plots," Chandrabhas Narayana, a resident, said.

According to residents, some farmers had moved the City Civil Court in July, claiming that the sale of land through GPA was a fraudulent transaction. The court had ordered that status quo be maintained.

The layout, spread over 45 acres and having 300 sites, was formed by Wing Commander (retired) K N Rao and four other developers. Structures have been built on about 60 per cent of the land.

As the layout is now fully developed and is located close to the highway that connects the Kempegowda International Airport, the prices of land have shot up manifold. Some farmers have "connived with the land mafia" to usurp the sites, residents claim.

According to Rao, real estate mafia is behind the demolition of compound walls. "Farmers filed the case after 18 years. Were they sleeping all these years? The land grabbers have political clout. I have taken up the case in the court on behalf of site owners and told them to file a criminal case against the miscreants," he said.

Kempanna, a farmer who originally owned two acres and 19 guntas of land, admitted that he had signed the GPA

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Residents claim some people, claiming to be original owners, demolished the compound walls of 25 plots on Sunday. DH PHOTO

Don't interfere, cops tell farmers

The affected people made a complaint to the Amruthahalli police on Sunday afternoon about the damage caused by miscreants to their sites in "clear violation" of court orders. The police said that they had received the complaint from the Royal Enclave residents and the matter would be investigated. "We have directed the farmers not to meddle with the property as long as the court order prevails," said a police officer.

Ready-to-eat food on Jaipur Express

BANGALORE, DHNS: Passengers travelling to Jaipur from Bangalore by Yeshwantpur-Jaipur Express (train no 02695), starting September 11, have a treat in store for them.

They can try out ready-to-eat meals on wheels as announced in the recent Railway budget.

They can now order food online before the journey and get food at the any prefered time during the journey. Passengers can book their meals from September 1 when they book tickets through the website-www.irctc.co.in. They can choose food items from the well-known Bangalore food chain brand, Maya's, by including Maya's meal option category. The Railways recently inked a partnership with Maya's for supplying ready-to eat food on trains

Sadananda Maya of Maya's Foods said they have included traditional items in the menu. Breakfast menu includes Sambar-idly, tomato upma, masala upma, khichdi, bisibelebaath-plain upma while lunch and dinner menu includes rice, curry and roti with dal. A group of experts will accompany passengers in both directions to have first hand experience of new catering system, he said

It's an honour to join hands with Railways to launch this scheme on Jaipur premium train. We will use our expertise and innovation to improve the catering experience of railway passengers," Maya said in a statement on Sunday.

BBP officials rescue leopard

BANGALORE: A six-year old male leopard was rescued from an abandoned house near an abandoned quarrying site in Gulugunjanahalli, abutting Kengeri on Sunday.

The leopard is now being treated at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) Rescue Centre.

The carnivore was found holed up in the house. Since the door is always locked, the leopard might have gained entry into the house through a broken window and was unable to escape. Local residents called up the park officials around 4 pm and took 20 minutes to dart and cage the carnivore.

The officials said that since the leopard was locked behind the closed door, in the absence of a crowd and the house being located in a deserted place made it easy to trap the leopard. No casualties were reported.

Dr Arun A Sha, veterinary director of Wildlife SOS, who is treating the leopard, said "The animal is healthy, with all its canines and claws intact. It has a severe injury on its left paw, which needs immediate medical attention. It will take around two weeks for the wounds to heal."

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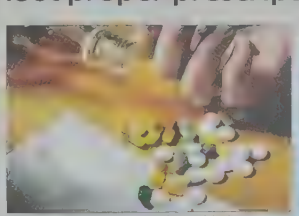

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And then as you run your eye on cast and crew, your heart lurches with excitement – for under director you see Michael Bay. For those who do not much care for movies that end in prolonged explosions and satisfying spurts of flame, the name might not mean much. However, for those who have a weakness for the explosive, extreme action, Bay is the patron saint of pyrotechnics.

Bay cut his movie making teeth on "Bad Boys" ('95). The film, produced by bang-for-your-buck badshah, Jerry Bruckheimer, was ostensibly about two detectives (Martin Lawrence and smooth, savvy, uber cool Will Smith), a witness protection programme and a heroin deal. But of course, it was a just an excuse to blow things up at regular intervals in tandem with breathless car chases.

So we wiped our aching eyes and collected our breath while waiting Bay's next offering, "The Rock". And what a film it was! There was Nicholas Cage as Dr. Goodspeed, a mild-mannered chemist. Then there was Ed Harris – Brigadier General Francis X. playing a war veteran with a big time grudge and presiding over them all was Sean Connery, Scottish brogue and all as John Patrick Mason.

The good brigadier has taken over Alcatraz and threatens to cripple San Francisco with nerve gas unless some demand or the other is met. Mason (who might or might not have been a British secret agent nudge, nudge, wink, wink) is the only person who has escaped from Alcatraz and his help is sought to break in and Goodspeed is needed for the technical know how.

The movie ran on pure adrenaline with scenes like the hectic car chase, Mason's smooth moves and smoother lines and also Goodspeed's climatic on-his-knees shot with flares in both hands looking like a strange modern-day archangel, all combined to create a combustible movie experience.

Incidentally, "The Rock" appeared in Hindi as "Qayamat" (2003) where director Harry Baweja seemed to spend more time on his leads' (Ajay Devgan, Suniel Shetty, Sanjay Kapoor, Arbaaz Khan) hair colour.

The year 1998 was the year of the disaster film with our poor planet being pummelled by everything from tidal waves ("Deep Impact") and giant mutated lizards ("Godzilla") to the mother of all disasters, the ice berg ("Titanic"). The Bay-Bruckheimer *jodi* jumped on the bandwagon with "Armageddon" where the good earth is going "to be smashed to smithereens thanks to a wicked rogue asteroid. And how do you save the earth? The answer, my friend, is a drilling team headed by Bruce Willis who will nuke the asteroid – see nuclear power can be used for peaceful purposes.

The lovely, luscious Liv Tyler plays curmudgeon Willis daughter while real life papa Steven Tyler yowled, "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing". The film was crammed with A listers including Billy Bob Thornton, Michael Clarke Duncan and Ben Affleck.

In the millennium, Bay and Bruckheimer decided to turn their flamboyant gaze towards history with embarrassingly bad results. The film was "Pearl Harbour" (2001) which tells the story of buddies Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett who go to war while the love of their lives, Kate Beckinsale waits batting her lashes coyly.

The cast included big names like Jon Voight, Alec Baldwin, Cuba Gooding Jr, Tom Sizemore and Jennifer Garner.

The film, however, did not work in spite of the action set pieces – there are only so many ways a bomb can fall to the ground. Maybe the three hour running time was to blame. This was followed by "Bad Boys II" (2003), which again seemed to be rehashed and while the action sequences were bigger they were not necessarily better and were marked by a singular lack of imagination.

With "The Island" (2005) Bay moved away from Bruckheimer who was anyway busy with Capt Jack Sparrow and scores of undead pirates. The movie was a bleak look at the future where humans are cloned to harvest organs. Ewan McGregor and the lovely Scarlett Johansson play clones on the run – giving ample opportunity for loud explosions and non-stop chases with leads becomingly kitted out in skin tight costumes. Again, the cast featured an embarrassment of riches, from Djimon "noble African" Hounsou to Sean Bean and Michael Clarke Duncan.

With "Transformers", Bay steps to the arena of a 20-year-old toy line, the action figures designed by Hasbro. Steven Spielberg executive produces along with Bay and special effects are bound to be mind-altering coming as they do from ILM.

Cast includes Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson with John Turturro and Jon Voight.

So are you ready for a fight to death between the Autobots and the evil Decepticons?

MOVING ON *The Transformers seems a throw back of the good old action movie with lots of guns and gadgets*

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Book release

S Diwakar's collection of short stories will be released on August 19, Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

The book, published by Ankata Pustaka, will be released by poet Nisar Ahmed, who will also preside the book release function. The chief guest is writer Vivek Shanbhag.

Some of Diwakar's stories will be read by Ravi Belagere, S. Surendranath, Sihi Kahi Chandru, Jahangir and Pavitra Lokesh. The Kasaravalli Sisters will render bhavageethes.

The venue is Indian Institute of World Culture, B.P Wadia Road.

Majestic movements

At 50, Gopala Acharya of Thirthahalli, still manages to mesmerise his audience as the young Abhimanyu with his sprightly movements.

Committed to his art, Gopala Acharya is deeply saddened by the changes in this ancient art. Even with his extreme fondness for mythologicals, he admits to the inevitability of social themes in yakshagana. His most sought after roles are Babruvahana, Sudhanva, Ravana and Abhimanyu.

The soft-spoken, Yakashagana artiste, will be performing in Bangalore on August 19, 2.30 p.m. at ADA Rangamandira.

This programme, organised by the Yakshagana Yogakshema Abhiyana Kendra, will feature Shri Krishna Sandhana and Karthaveeryaarjuna.

Song forever

TRIBUTE It's a year since the folk scholar and poet S.K. Karim Khan passed away

A report in The Hindu on Mahatma Gandhi's call to the country's youth to take part in the freedom movement, inspired S.K. Karim Khan to plunge into the freedom movement. Born [illegible] Durrahman Khan, an [illegible] and Janabi of Saudi[illegible]n Sakleshpur of [illegible]t, he became an ardent admirer of Gandhi[illegible]d seven terms [illegible]s entire life [illegible]and scholar [illegible]self to the Gandhian philosophy.

It's a year ago that we lost his outstanding lyricist of Kannada cinema, who had [illegible] associated himself with people like Bhashyam, Ramanan, K.C. Reddy, Siddalingaiah and Kengal [illegible]nthaiya [illegible]mber the song "Nalavara Gongadhara...", one [illegible]mposed by one of [illegible]ften music direc[illegible]M Ven[illegible]ng from [illegible]beauti[illegible]Belavadi.

COMMITTED *Receiving an award from former chief minister Ramakrishna Hegde*

Krishna. Equally well-known are songs such as 'Vanamali Vaikuntapate", "Jayagowri jagadeeshwari" and "Nudi mana Shivaguna sankeertana" If there is something that is striking about these songs, it is that they are all in praise of Hindu gods and are written with a heavy Sanskrit diction. And there's more surprise, they were all written by Karim Khan.

He was proficient in both Sanskrit and Kannada and was a scholar on the folk traditions of Karnataka. Karim Khan travelled the length and breadth of Karnataka collecting folk narratives. A song that was theatre stalwart B.V. Karanth's favourite, "Moolokadayya Govinda, solisabeda gelisayya...", so much so that it became his signature tune, was collected by Karim Khan among hundreds of others.

Karim Khan started his career in professional theatre and authored over 80 plays. With a fine taste in literature, mythology and music, he wrote over 200 songs.

Even with all the indifference he was met with by the film industry and the government, Karim Khan never turned bitter. He lived and died in poor recognition.

After I lost weight,
it never came back,
but something else did.
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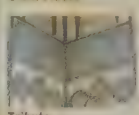

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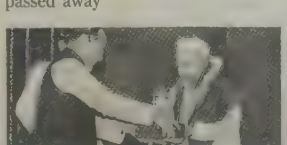

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Yedi, DKS nursing colleges among 532 facing closure

NARAYAN AMMACHCHI

Bangalore: Several nursing institutions, including many run by politicians such as Deputy Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and former minister D K Shiva Kumar, are likely to lose recognition if they continue to admit students without providing requisite infrastructure soon.

VT EXCLUSIVE

The pressure is mounting on the managements of 532 nursing institutions after a task force report categorised them 'unsatisfactory' on the grounds that they lacked basic infrastructure like clinical labs and teaching staff.

My department is seriously thinking of banning admission in such colleges if they fail to provide infrastructure," Medical Education Minister V S Acharya told Vijay Times.

These colleges are bereft of teaching staff and have no clinical unit which is crucial to nursing training," he added.

But Acharya may find it hard to match his words with action, because the colleges in the hit-list include one owned by his own leader, B S Yediyurappa.

When contacted, Yediyurappa said he knew little about his college in Shimoga as they were run by his sons.

There are 843 nursing institutions in the State, and all of them are heavily dependent on students from neighbouring Kerala. The colleges facing the axe include T John College of Nursing, Bangalore, and the H D Deve Gowda Co-operative College of Nursing, Hassan.

Besides, Mythri College of Nursing, Shimoga, and IKON Nursing College, Bangalore—run by Deputy Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and D K Shiva Kumar respectively—have been found to be wanting.

Shamanur Shivashankarappa's S S Institute of Nursing Sciences in Davanagere and Qamarul Islam's Al-qamar College of Nursing in Gulbarga too are on the chopping block.

The number of nursing colleges doubled during the regime of S M Krishna with many politicians opening their own colleges on the outskirts of Bangalore.

They have now launched an ad blitzkrieg in Malayalam newspapers in an attempt to lure students.

Officials in the Department of Medical Education saw that many colleges have not yet been opened though that were sanctioned.

Run de Basanti

Sri Lankan Captain Mahela Jayawardene (right) and wicket-keeper Kumara Sangakkara congratulate each other after compiling a world-record partnership of 624 runs for the third wicket during the third day of the first Test against South Africa at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo on Saturday. AP/PTI

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624
Highest partnership for any wicket in Test or first class cricket. Previous highest: 576 between Sanath Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama

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by Mahela Jayawardene is fourth highest individual score in tests. His previous highest: 242 only Brian Lara (400, 375), Mathew Hayden (380) ahead

357
highest score by any team in a day without losing a wicket Previous highest: 357 West Indies vs Pakistan, Kingston, 1957-58

Tax cut set to reopen lottery floodgates

VICKY NANJAPPA

Bangalore: Succumbing to pressure from the lottery lobby, the State Government has agreed to reduce the betting tax from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 50,000 per draw. It is learnt that the Kumaraswamy regime took the step to increase the number of draws which have fallen from 700 to 200 per day in the State.

Although the Government claims that it would make more money with the new decision, it is said to be losing Rs 50,000 per draw. Insiders say the cut in the betting tax could in the long run result in a loss of Rs 1 crore per day to the exchequer.

VT SPECIAL

The decision to impose betting tax had been taken by the S M Krishna government. It had been seen as a move to regulate lotteries in the State. And it was expected that the menace to society would be controlled if the number of draws came down.

The Kumaraswamy government, however, believes that the decision to reduce betting tax would not backfire on either objective. The governments of Sikkim, Meghalaya and Bhutan are planning to increase the number of draws. It is learnt that once there is clarity on the decision, the number of draws would increase to 800 per day and there would be draws by the minute.

On the one hand the Karnataka High Court had observed that the menace of lotteries should be controlled, and on the other, the government has taken a decision which only facilitates the rise in the number of draws.

The government is, however, serious about its decision and has sent the file to the Advocate General's office. The Advocate General would study the feasibility of the same and suggest measures to amend the Betting Tax Act.

After the imposition of betting tax in the State, the same had been challenged in an interim order, the Supreme Court had directed the petitioners to deposit half the amount while stay[illegible]

Helmets must from Tuesday

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: The principal secretary to the transport department, D Thangaraj, on Saturday said the rule making wearing of helmets mandatory would be implemented across the State, as already notified, from August 1.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a national seminar Thangaraj said that helmet is mandatory for the pillion rider too.

However, sources in the Secretariat said the government was likely to defer implementation of the rule and exempt pillion riders from wearing helmets.

Govt docs pay may go up

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: Doctors in State government hospitals are likely to get a hike in salary and extension in their retirement age.

A proposal in this regard will be placed before the next Cabinet meeting, according to Medical Education Minister V S Acharya.

Speaking to reporters here on Saturday, Acharya said the proposal aimed at attracting specialists to the teaching faculty, the shortage of which is the main problem with new government medical colleges. While an option would be given to all doctors in the department to join the teaching profession, separate service rules would be framed for them with UGC pay scales and extension of retirement age up to 65 years, he said.

"We have a good number of specialists in the department who can be drafted as associate professors in colleges. The constraint now is the Karnataka Civil Services Rules because of which specialists cannot be put on teaching job," Acharya said.

The Minister said two new government medical colleges in Mandya and Belgaum would start functioning from Sept 1 and classes would start from Sept 14.

He said the government is serious about creating the necessary infrastructure in the four other proposed medical colleges.

Judge booked in dowry case

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: A judge has been booked under the provisions of the Dowry Prohibition Act for allegedly harassing his wife. Vijay Kumar, against whom the case has been filed, is a Civil Judge (Jr Division) and Judicial Magistrate First Class, Srinivaspura.

Police said Kumar's wife, Mrudula, upset over harassment for dowry, lodged a complaint with the Srinivaspura police.

Kolar Superintendent of Police Ravindra Prasad said the matter would be probed for prima facie evidence before they proceed further.

'No bar on arrest'

Justice Saidanha, a former judge of the Karnataka High Court, said technically there is no bar on arresting a judicial officer. However, having regard to the position, courtesy demands that the Chief Justice of the High Court is informed before an arrest is carried out.

Members of the Kolar Bar said that Vijay Kumar had taken leave and the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Kolar has been officiating in his place.

A case under Section 498 (A) of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act (non-bailable offence), has been registered against the Magistrate under Crime Number 142 of 2006.

The Supreme Court, in a recent case, had stated that if an officer commits an illegal act in the course of his service but not in the discharge of his duty and without any justification, then the bar under Section 194 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Prosecution of Judges and public servants) is not attracted.

Single science paper for 10th

Bangalore: The Karnataka Secondary Examination Board has decided to conduct a single exam for the Science subject in 10th standard from the next academic year. Currently, two SSLC papers are given to students. Science paper I: Physics and Chemistry-65 marks) and Science paper-II (biology-35 marks). With the change, the entire paper will have to be solved in one shot in 3 hours without a break.

Leg sin: 22,361 overs, 1,000 maidens, 2,638 wickets

PRITAM SENGUPTA

Bangalore: On a day when records were falling like ten pins in Colombo, a record of a different kind was being revealed Down Under, with an Australian journalist boldly declaring that the legspin legend Shane Warne may have had sex with at least 1,000 women.

In 'Spun Out', an unauthorised biography, the award-winning journalist Paul Barry portrays Ricky Ponting's men as a bunch of testosterone-rich wom-

anisers ever ready to remove their pads and pants, and who travel with a supply of condoms. But Warne, he says, was far ahead of all his compatriots in his conquests.

According to Barry, Warne had his first affair barely four months after his tumultuous marriage to his currently estranged wife, Simone Callahan in 1995. He claims that the Aussies adhere to a code of omerta (silence) which encourages promiscuity by Warne and other team members.

Most of the allegations in the book come from anonymous sources, and Barry claims Warne was still dating an English woman when he married Simone. Warne's first affair came four months after the marriage when he picked up a sunbathing French backpacker on Bondi Beach. "He was no great lover," she says, "but he was attractive, good company and fun."

According to his friends, Warne loves to "collect" women, especially the blondes.

"One of Warne's mates at Channel 9 told me he reckoned Warne had a pretty good average because he had probably had 1000 women and only been caught five times," the book read.

In the 22,361 overs he has bowled in his cricket career—spread across 142 Tests, 194 one-dayers, 273 first-class matches, 292 List A matches and two Twenty20 matches—Warne has 2,638 wickets.

Somewhere along the way, the 36-year-old also seems to have bowled 1,000 maidens. That works out, in a manner of speaking, to a very economical average of 2.6 per wicket.

Not bad at all for a legbreak bowler, the greatest ever, on and off. With UN

A legend is gone

Karim Khan: 1908-2006

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Now the man is dead. But the songs live on in the hearts of millions of Kannadigas.

Veteran Gandhian and doyen of Kannada folklore S K Karim Khan (98) passed away on Saturday morning. Khan was admitted to Bowring hospital following a stroke. He was shifted to Mahaveer Jain hospital after he complained of severe breathing problems. He breathed his last as the lung infection became severe.

Born in Sakleshpura, Karim Khan completed his 8th standard in Hassan in 1914 (this suggests he may have been older than his 'official' age, may be around 105).

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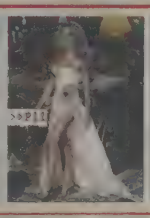

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Yedi, DKS nursing colleges among 532 facing closure

NARAYAN AMMACHCHI

Bangalore: Several nursing institutions, including many run by politicians such as Deputy Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and former minister D K Shiva Kumar, are likely to lose recognition if they continue to admit students without providing requisite infrastructure soon.

VT EXCLUSIVE

The pressure is mounting on the managements of 532 nursing institutions after a task force report categorised them unsatisfactory on the grounds that they lacked basic infrastructure like clinical labs and teaching staff.

My department is seriously thinking of banning admission in such colleges if they fail to provide infrastructure," Medical Education Minister V S Acharya told Vijay Times

These colleges are bereft of teaching staff and do not have a clinical unit which is crucial to nursing training," he added

But Acharya may find it hard to match his words with action, because the colleges in the hit-list include one owned by his own leader, B S Yediyurappa.

When contacted, Yediyurappa said he knew little about his college in Shimoga as they were run by his sons

There are 843 nursing institutions in the State, and all of them are heavily dependent on students from neighbouring Kerala The colleges facing the axe include T John College of Nursing, Bangalore, and the H D Deve Gowda Co-operative College of Nursing, Hassan.

Besides, Mythri College of Nursing, Shimoga, and IKON Nursing College, Bangalore—run by Deputy Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and D K Shiva Kumar respectively—have been found to be wanting.

Shamanur Shivashankarappa's S S Institute of Nursing Sciences in Davanagere and Qamarul Islam's Al-qamar College of Nursing in Gulbarga too are on the chopping block

The number of nursing colleges doubled during the regime of S M Krishna with many politicians opening their own colleges on the outskirts of Bangalore

They have now launched an ad blitzkrieg in Malayalam newspapers in an attempt to lure students

Officials in the Department of Medical Education say that many colleges have not yet been opened though that were sanctioned.

Run de Basanti

Sri Lankan Captain Mahela Jayawardene (right) and wicket-keeper Kumara Sangakkara congratulate each other after compiling a world-record partnership of 624 runs for the third wicket during the third day of the first Test against South Africa at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo on Saturday. AP/PTI

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624
Highest partnership for any wicket in Test or first class cricket. Previous highest: 576 between Sanath Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama

374
by Mahela Jayawardene is fourth highest individual score in tests. His previous highest: 242 only Brian Lara (400, 375), Mathew Hayden (380) ahead

357
highest score by any team in a day without losing a wicket Previous highest: 357 West Indies vs Pakistan, Kingston, 1957-58

Tax cut set to reopen lottery floodgates

VICKY NANJAPPA

Bangalore: Succumbing to pressure from the lottery lobby, the State Government has agreed to reduce the betting tax from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 50,000 per draw It is learnt that the Kumaraswamy regime took the step to increase the number of draws which have fallen from 700 to 200 per day in the State

Although the Government claims that it would make more money with the new decision, it is said to be losing Rs 50,000 per draw. Insiders say the cut in the betting tax could in the long run result in a loss of Rs 1 crore per day to the exchequer

VT SPECIAL

The decision to impose betting tax had been taken by the S M Krishna government. It had been seen as a move to regulate lotteries in the State. And it was expected that the menace to society would be controlled if the number of draws came down

The Kumaraswamy government, however, believes that the decision to reduce betting tax would not backfire on either objective. The governments of Sikkim, Meghalaya and Bhutan are planning to increase the number of draws. It is learnt that once there is clarity on the decision, the number of draws would increase to 800 per day and there would be draws by the minute

On the one hand the Karnataka High Court had observed that the menace of lotteries should be controlled, and on the other, the government has taken a decision which only facilitates the rise in the number of draws

The government is, however, serious about its decision and has sent the file to the Advocate General's office The Advocate General would soon file [illegible] suggest measures to [illegible] the Betting Tax Act

After the [illegible] it [illegible] same had been challenged

In an interim order, the Supreme Court had directed the petitioners to deposit half the amount while staying the decision to impose tax

Helmets must from Tuesday

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: The principal secretary to the transport department, D Thangaraj, on Saturday said the rule making wearing of helmets mandatory would be implemented across the State as already notified, from August 1

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a national seminar Thangaraj said that helmet is mandatory for the pillion rider too

However, sources in the Secretariat said the government was likely to defer implementation of the rule and exempt pillion riders from wearing helmets

Govt docs pay may go up

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: Doctors in State government hospitals are likely to get a hike in salary and extension in their retirement age

A proposal in this regard will be placed before the next Cabinet meeting, according to Medical Education Minister V S Acharya.

Speaking to reporters here on Saturday, Acharya said the proposal aimed at attracting specialists to the teaching faculty, the shortage of which is the main problem with new government medical colleges. While an option would be given to all doctors in the department to join the teaching profession, separate service rules would be framed for them with UGC pay scales and extension of retirement age up to 65 years, he said.

"We have a good number of specialists in the department who can be drafted as associate professors in colleges. The constraint now is the Karnataka Civil Services Rules because of which specialists cannot be put on teaching job," Acharya said

The Minister said two new government medical colleges in Mandya and Belgaum would start functioning from Sept 1 and classes would start from Sept 14

He said the government is serious about creating the necessary infrastructure in the four other proposed medical colleges

Judge booked in dowry case

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: A judge has been booked under the provisions of the Dowry Prohibition Act for allegedly harassing his wife. Vijay Kumar, against whom the case has been filed. Is a Civil Judge (Jr Division) and Judicial Magistrate First Class, Srinivaspura.

Police said Kumar's wife, Mrudula, upset over harassment for dowry, lodged a complaint with the Srinivaspura police

Kolar Superintendent of Police Ravindra Prasad said the matter would be probed for prima facie evidence before they proceed further

'No bar on arrest'

Justice Saldanha, a former judge of the Karnataka High Court, said technically there is no bar on arresting a judicial officer. However, having regard to the position, courtesy demands that the Chief Justice of the High Court is informed before an arrest is carried out

Members of the Kolar Bar said that Vijay Kumar had taken leave and the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Kolar has been officiating in his place

A case under Section 498 (A) of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act (non-bailable offence), has been registered against the Magistrate under Crime Number 142 of 2006.

The Supreme Court, in a recent case, had stated that if an officer commits an illegal act in the course of his service but not in the discharge of his duty and without any justification, then the bar under Section 194 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Prosecution of Judges and public servants) is not attracted.

Single science paper for 10th

Bangalore: The Karnataka Secondary Examination Board has decided to conduct a single exam for the Science subject in 10th standard from the next academic year. Currently, two papers are given for science paper I (Physics and Chemistry) and [illegible] II (biology). 15 marks with the [illegible] paper [illegible]

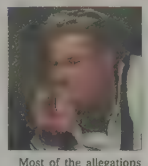
Leg sin: 22,361 overs, 1,000 maidens, 2,638 wickets

PRITAM SENGUPTA

Bangalore: On a day when records were falling like ten pins in Colombo, a record of a different kind was being revealed Down Under, with an Australian journalist boldly declaring that the legspin legend Shane Warne may have had sex with at least 1,000 women

In 'Spun Out', an unauthorised biography, the award-winning journalist Paul Barry portrays Ricky Ponting's men as a bunch of testosterone-rich womanisers ever ready to remove their pads and pants, and who travel with a suppiy of condoms. But Warne, he says, was far ahead of all his compatriots in his conquests.

According to Barry, Warne had his first affair barely four months after his tumultuous marriage to his currently estranged wife, Simone Callahan in 1995. He claims that the Aussies adhere to a code of omerta (silence) which encourages promiscuity by Warne and other team members



Most of the allegations in the book come from anonymous sources, and Barry claims Warne was still dating an English woman when he married Simone. Warne's first affair came four months after the marriage when he picked up a sunbathing French backpacker on Bondi Beach. "He was no great lover," she says, "but he was attractive, good company and fun."

According to his friends, Warne loves to "collect" women, especially the blondes.

'One of Warne's mates at Channel 9 told me he reckoned Warne had a pretty good average because he had probably had 1000 women and only been caught five times,' the book read.

In the 22,361 overs he has bowled in his cricket career—spread across 142 Tests, 194 one-dayers, 273 first-class matches, 292 List A matches and two Twenty20 matches—Warne has 2,638 wickets

Somewhere along the way, the 36-year-old also seems to have bowled 1,000 maidens. That works out, in a manner of speaking, to a very economical average of 2.6 per wicket.

Not bad at all for a legbreak bowler, the greatest ever, on and off. With UN

A legend is gone

Karim Khan: 1908-2006

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Bangalore: A devout Muslim, he wrote stirring bhajans for Kannada films Who can forget *Natavara Gangadhara... Vanamali Vaikuntapathe... Jayagouri Jagadeeshwari*

Now the man is dead But the songs live on in the hearts of millions of Kannadigas

Veteran Gandhian and doyen of Kannada folklore S K Karim Khan (98) passed away on Saturday morning. Khan was admitted to Bowring hospital following a stroke. He was shifted to Mahaveer Jain hospital after he complained of severe breathing problems. He breathed his last as the lung infection became severe

Born in Sakleshpura, Karim Khan completed his 8th standard in Hassan in 1914 (this suggests he may have been older than his official age, may be around 105).

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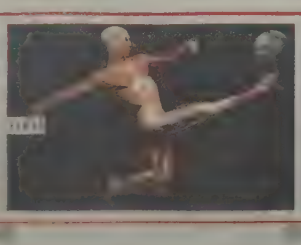

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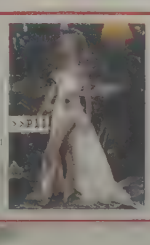

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CJ, minister review govt action on HC proposals

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Bangalore: In a bid to improve services in the lower judiciary, Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court Cyriac Joseph on Saturday held a discussion with Home and Law Minister M P Prakash to review the action taken by the government on proposals sent by the High Court

Prakash told reporters he had appraised the Chief Justice on the action taken by the government on 74 pending proposals.

He said the Chief Justice was satisfied with the action taken by the government.

He also said he would hold a meeting with the chief minister and the higher officials on August 16-17 to take a final decision on some of the pending proposals.

OoP Bill: On the return of OoP Bill by Governor T N Chaturvedi, he said the government will take a decision depending upon the outcome of the discussions in Parliament over a similar Bill returned by the President

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule property from Mr Marwan Abubakur, son of Sri A.M.Abubakur, residing at No.912, BDA Layout, 3rd Stage H.A.L., Bangalore - 560 008, who represents to have acquired portion of the property measuring 120x33 ft. by virtue of Registered Sale deed dated 29.05.1991 through Smt.Jameela Abubakar as PA holder of Smt.Jayamma and Sri K.Sampangi of G.M.Palya, Bangalore and another portion measuring 120x66 ft. by virtue of Registered Release Deed dated ... 304 Person/s having objections to the said transaction or charge right, title or interest over the said schedule property may lodge their claim with the undersigned within **SEVEN** days from the date of publication of this Notice

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No.10, H.A.S.B Katha No.354/1, situated at Vibhuthipura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West - 120 ft. and North to South - 66 ft. and bounded on

East by	-	Private property
West by	-	Road
North by	-	Property of Jayamma
South by	-	Property of Marwan Abubakur

Item No.2

All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No.10, H.A.S.B Katha No.354/1, situated at Vibhuthipura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West - 120 ft. and North to South - 33 ft. and bounded on

East by	-	Private property
West by	-	Road
North by	-	Property of Marwan Abubakur
South by	-	Tank

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

My clients have entered into a memorandum of understanding dated 17-06-1995 for the purchase of immovable property morefully described in the schedule hereunder and henceforth referred to as the schedule property from Sri Sahadevy Nararhardevji on his behalf, since deceased by his legal representatives Smt Divya Devi and others and also on behalf of his family members as their duly constituted attorney During his lifetime the said Sri Sahadevy Nararhardevji has received considerable sums of advance from my clients and has also put my clients in actual physical possession of the schedule property My clients are thus in actual physical possession of the schedule property, during his lifetime the said Sahadevy Nararhardevji did not fulfill his obligations to execute a sale deed in pursuance to the contract dated 17-08-1995 as above stated and after his death his legal heirs as also his other family members who are the owners of the Schedule property in different extents did not perform their part of the obligations under the said binding agreement on them dated 17-08-1995 My clients have instituted suit for specific performance in original suit number 352 of 1998 pending on the file of Second Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore The said suit is being prosecuted and is still pending

In the said suit, O.S 352/1998 after service of summons three family members of Sri Sahadevji Nararhardevji namely Smt Hansa Devi and Sri Gajendra Singh, Sri Pushpendra Singh defendant numbers Five, Six, Seven respectively in the suit came forward and entered into a compromise with my clients agreeing to sell their respective portions in the Schedule Property and as per the said compromise a partial decree was passed by the Hon'ble Court upon the said compromise petition on 14-08-1998 and accordingly a partial decree was drawn on 01-09-1998, under the said compromise decree an extent of 146 Acres and 38 Guntas out of an extent of 250 Acres, which was agreed to be sold to my clients, was decreed under the partial decree in favour of the nominee of my clients, pursuant to the said decree the suit is being continued for the remaining portion and is now at the stage of commencement of evidence and several issues need to be resolved in the suit

While passing the partial decree on compromise the Hon'ble Court has also passed a Judgement and Decree of permanent injunction in respect of the extent of land covering the partial decree i.e. 146 Acres and 38 Guntas and restraining the Defendants from the any manner dealing or interfering with the peaceful possession and enjoyment of the said decreed land by my clients and their nominees. In respect of the balance extent of land over which the suit is being prosecuted and pursued there is an Interlocutory Application is pending consideration by the Hon'ble Court wherein my clients has sought for ad interim order of Temporary Injunction against the Defendants

The nominee of my clients has after the passing of the partial decree along with my clients has registered one portion of the land decreed under the partial decree i.e., the portion belonging to Pushpendra

Singh (Defandant number seven) in Sy No 15/3A in favour of his nominees / assignees by way of Absolute registered sale deed registered in the month of November 1998 and all the revenue records such as Mutation, RTC etc, have been changed in the name of the Purchasers i.e assignees/nominees and the said purchasers are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of that portion of the Schedule Property i.e 53 Acres plus Kharab in all 61 30 Acres in Sy No 15/3A and they are exercising absolute right of ownership over the said portion of the Schedule Property

While this being the position recently some miscreants have tried to forcibly enter the schedule property by trespass and the said miscreants in collusion with some local persons are claiming some kind of right over the property and they are misleading the public by misrepresentation and fraud that the entire extent of land of approximately 350 Acres plus kharab is available for sale by supressing the truth of the pendency of the suit filed by clients in respect of the schedule property It is reliably understood that these contesting owners in the suit filed by my clients are arranging these miscreants

Public are hereby warned that the matter relating to the schedule property is subjudice and the doctrine of lispendens would apply any person or persons dealing with the schedule property for sale or otherwise by forming to seek and by pass the pending suit filed by my clients i.e., O.S 352/1998 on the file of the Second Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) Bangalore Rural District shall be doing so at their own peril cost, consequence and also may be guilty of offences for contempt of Court and also punishable under Indian Penal Code, besides civil consequences

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land measuring an extent of 250 Acres comprised in Sy No 15/3A and 18/2 and earmarked as per the survey conducted by the Plaintiffs and their nominees and situated at Mantharawal Village Varadahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore District bounded on the East by Sy No 18/1 West by Thathaguni Estate and Government Silk Farm South by Government Tank and boundry of B.M. Kaval and Vaderahalli Villages North by Sy No 18 and 21 and Varamuneshwara Temple with approach roads from Bangalore Kanakapura Road through Varamuneshwara Temple from the 17th K.M. Stone approach road lying between Government Silk Farm and Ronch Estate near the 18th K.M. Stone and also from Vaderahalli towards the southern portion of the land.

Sd/- **B. Srinivas,**
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Gee gee songs, Halakki tribes were his first love

From P 1

He was drawn into the freedom movement during the visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the Nandi Hills in 1936 (along with H Narasimhaiah). He had been imprisoned by the British for over five times.

His struggle did not end after Independence as he played an active role in unification of Karnataka and was imprisoned again. This struggle was followed by a struggle for his existence as he took up his job as a wireless telegrapher in the Indian Navy.

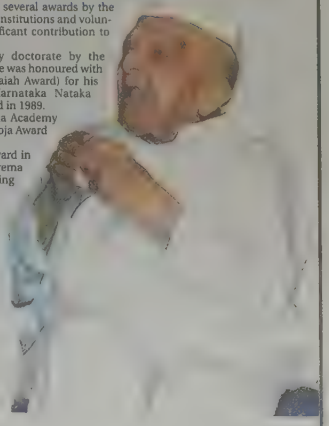
Khan, the second son of six children, was born to Rehman Khan, a migrant Pathan from Afghanistan, and Jainabi from Saudi Arabia. From his younger days Karim Khan was known for his fondness for Kannada language and culture.

A man of varied hues, Khan joined Subhaiah Naidu drama troop and made a significant behind-the-stage contribution by authoring over 75 plays including Krishnaleela, Madhumohana, Magadi Kempegowda, Humayun and Laila Majnu. He was launched into films by D R Naidu in 1950 at Chennai, and wrote some 25 screenplays, besides penning lyrics and providing music Khan, despite being a bachelor, was equally good in romantic songs, mythological and patriotic songs. When asked how he was able to do it, the Khadi-capped Khan used to say, "When you look into the story of the film, you will be inspired to write lyrics, you need not have any inspiration for it. If I am not married because God did not wish it."

Khan was also a journalist and editor of Lokamitra at Dharwad and was a columnist for a newspaper in Udupi.

A keen lover of folk art and literature, he collected thousands of folk songs, gee gee songs and religious songs of rural Karnataka. He was appointed Chairman of Kannada Janapada and Nataka Academy in the early eighties. During his tenure, he brought Halakki tribes and their traditional knowledge to limelight.

A deluge of honours



Karim Khan was honoured with several awards by the State government, educational institutions and voluntary organisations for his significant contribution to the various fields.

He was conferred the honourary doctorate by the Gulbarga University in 1989. In 1995, he was honoured with Jee Sham Pa award (G S Paramashivaiah Award) for his contribution to the folk world. Karnataka Academy honoured him with an award in 1989.

He received the Karnataka Janapada Academy Award in 1995 and was conferred Nadoja Award in 1997.

It was followed by Hamsarathna Award in 1998. He was also honoured by Desh Prema Jana Jagruthi Sabha in 1999 for upholding Gandhian values.

In 2000, Karim Khan was presented with the Uday Shankar Award for his contribution to the cine world. It was followed by special talent award in 2003 and Rajyotsava Award in 2004.

He was felicitated with Janapada Jangama Award after in 2004 and a lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the Kannada film industry.

The Kannada Sahitya Parishad awarded him honourary membership during this year. He was given Sandesh Media Award at the 66th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana and this year he was presented with the Kempe Gowda Award.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from its present owner Sri GOVAPPA S/o Sri BHIMAPPA residing at House No 351 Vidyananda, 4th Main Road, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore. Sri Gopi Govappa represents that apart from himself there are no other person/s having any right, title or claim over the Schedule Property and that he has not mortgaged or encumbered the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner and that he has not entered into any Agreement of Sale / Development Agreement etc , with any other persons If any person/s having any objection/s or claims over the Schedule Property may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client will proceed with the completion of the sale transaction

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of dry agricultural land measuring about 1 Acre 2 Guntas in Sy No 84/3 of Bandikodigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the

East by Land of Kanderaya
West by Land of Muthurayappa, North by Land of Bangppa, South by Land of Banaram

Sd/- **B.S. UMESH,** Advocate,
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My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from its present owner Mr M Srinivas s/o Sri Muniramaiah residing at Doddabommasandra village Vidhyranyapura Post Bangalore - 97 Sri M Srinivas represents that apart from himself there are no other person/s having any rights title or claim over the Schedule Property and that he has not mortgaged or encumbered the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner and that he has not entered into any Agreement of sale/development agreement etc with any other persons If any person/s having any objection/s or claims over the Schedule property may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned failing which my client will proceed with the completion of the sale transaction

SCHEDULE

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of dry agricultural land measuring about 4 Acre 39 Guntas in Sy No 28/1 of Bandikodigenahalli village Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the East by Land of B.J Shivrajamma sold to Srinivas West by Land of Chikkanna Part of the same survey number North by Land of Sulthan Palya Papanna South by Land of Krishnappa S/o Boyilahalli Venkatarayappa

Item No 2 All that piece and parcel of dry agricultural land measuring about 4 Acre 39 Guntas in Sy No 28 Bandikodigenahalli Village Jala Hobli Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the East by Bandikodigenahalli Boundry lands West by Land belongs to Gopalappa in the same survey number sold to M Srinivas North by Land of Sulthan Palya Papanna South by Land of Krishnappa S/o Boyilahalli Venkatarayappa

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He will never enter the 'house' now

He was handed over the 'keys' to his house, albeit symbolically.

For a man who always believed in giving back his earnings to society and which reflected in his spartan lifestyle, the one dream Karim Khan had - to have a house of his own - will never be fulfilled. Till his death, he stayed in a small room at Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road. It is truly a reflection of the government's apathy.

At a grand function, the government had symbolically handed him keys of a house. However, reality never matched the symbolism.

A firm believer in the maxim that respect should come from within and never be imposed, he never bothered to pressurise the government to fulfill the promise.

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While passing the partial decree on compromise the Hon'ble Court has also passed a Judgement and Decree of permanent injunction in respect of the extent of land covering the partial decree i.e., 146 Acres and 38 Guntas and restraining the Defendants from the any manner dealing or interfering with the peaceful possession and enjoyment of the said decreed land by my clients and their nominees In respect of the balance extent of land over which the suit is being prosecuted and pursued there is an Interlocutory Application is pending consideration by the Hon'ble Court wherein my clients has sought for ad interim order of Temporary Injunction against the Defendants

The nominee of my clients has after the passing of the partial decree along with my clients has registered one portion of the land decreed under the partial decree i.e. the portion belonging to Pushpendra

Singh (Defendant number seven) in Sy No. 15/3A in favour of his nominees / assignees by way of Absolute registered sale deed registered in the month of November 1998 and all the revenue records such as Mutation, R.T.C etc., have been changed in to the name of the Purchasers i.e. assignees/nominees and the said purchasers are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of that portion of the Schedule Property i.e., 53 Acres plus Kharab in all 81.30 Acres in Sy. No. 15/3A and they are exercising absolute right of ownership over the said portion of the Schedule Property

While this being the position recently some miscreants have tried to illegally enter the schedule property by trespass and the said miscreants in collusion with some local persons are claiming some kind of right over the property and they are misleading the public by misrepresentation and fraud that the entire extent of land of approximately 350 Acres plus kharab is available for sale by supressing the truth of the pendency of the suit filed by clients in respect of the schedule property It is reliably understood that the aforesaid miscreants in the suit filed by my clients are

[illegible] under consequences

Hence it is hereby warned that the matter relating to the schedule property is sub-judice and by way of this public notice all persons are hereby warned that any person dealing with the schedule property for [illegible] any manner by way of sale, mortgage, lease, gift, exchange or otherwise shall be doing so subject to the outcome of the said suit in O.S 352/1998 on the file of the [illegible] Judge (Senior Division) Bangalore Rural District and he/she/they shall do so at his/her/their own peril and consequence and he/she/they shall be liable for all offences for contempt of Court and also punishable under Indian Penal Code besides civil consequences.

SCHEDULE

[illegible] and parcel of Agricultural land measuring an extent of [illegible] comprised in Sy No 15/3A and 18/2 and [illegible] survey conducted by the Plaintiffs and their men-mans and situated at Manavarthakawal Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore District bounded on the East by Sy No 18/1, West by Thathagun Estate and Government Silk Farm South by Government Tank land boundry of B.M.Kaval and Vaderahalli Villages North by Sy No 16 and 21 and Vayamuneshwara Temple with approach roads from Bangalore-Kanakapura Road through Vayamuneshwara Temple from the 17th K.M. Stone approach road lying between Government Silk Farm and Ronish Estate near the 18th K.M. Stone and also from Vaderahalli towards the southern corner of the land

Sd/- **B. Srinivas,**
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Gee gee songs, Halakki tribes were his first love

From P 1

He was drawn into the freedom movement during the visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the Nandi Hills in 1936 (along with H Narasimhaiah). He had been imprisoned by the British for over five times.

His struggle did not end after Independence as he played an active role in unification of Karnataka and was imprisoned again. This struggle was followed by a struggle for his existence as he took up his job as a wireless telegrapher in the Indian Navy.

Khan, the second son of six children, was born to Rehman Khan, a migrant Pathan from Afghanistan, and Jainabi from Saudi Arabia. From his younger days Karim Khan was known for his fondness for Kannada language and culture.

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Khan was also a journalist and editor of Lokamitra at Dharwad and was a columnist for a newspaper in Udupi.

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A deluge of honours

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In 2000, Karim Khan was presented with the Uday Shankar Award for his contribution to the cine world. It was followed by special talent award in 2003 and Rajyotsava Award in 2004

He was felicitated with Janapada Jangama Award after in 2004 and a lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the Kannada film industry.

The Kannada Sahitya Parishad awarded him honourary membership during this year. He was given Sandesh Media Award at the 66th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana and this year he was presented with the Kempe Gowda Award.

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He was handed over the 'keys' to his house, albeit symbolically.

For a man who always believed in giving back his earnings to society and which reflected in his spartan lifestyle, the one dream Karim Khan had - to have a house of his own - will never be fulfilled. Till his death, he stayed in a small room at Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road. It is truly a reflection of the government's apathy.

At a grand function, the government had symbolically handed him keys of a house. However, reality never matched the symbolism.

A firm believer in the maxim that respect should come from within and never be imposed, he never bothered to pressurise the government to fulfill the promise.

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By BHASKAR HEGDE

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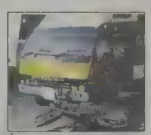

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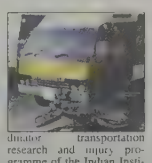

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COMPANY PETITION NO 187 OF 2014
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PETITIONER COMPANY
ADVERTISEMENT OF THE HEARING OF PETITION
Notice is hereby given that a petition presented by the petitioner to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore, on the 28th day of July 2014, for confirming the reduction of the paid up share capital of the above Company, be reduced from Rs. 345,672,200/- divided into 3,456,722 equity shares of Rs.100/- each to Rs. 7,567,500 divided into 75,675 equity shares of Rs.100/- each by a sum of Rs. 339,004,700/- by adjustment and set off of the debit balance in the Profit and Loss Account of the Company and also the Securities Premium Account be reduced by a sum of Rs. 450,771,928/- from Rs. 478,772,000/- to Rs.72/- by adjustment and setoff of the said amount against the debit balance in the Profit and Loss Account after adjustment of Rs. 339,004,700/- of the paid-up equity shares capital against the debit balance in the Profit and Loss account of the Company will be heard before the Court on the 18th day of September 2014.
Dated 14-08-2014 Place Bangalore
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Sd/- (Malay Mukhopadhyay)
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Short Term Tender Notification
(E-Procurement Mode Only)
O T N No GESCOM/2014-15/IND-285, Dtd: 20.08.2014
... AM Zone, GESCOM, Bellary
... Supplying & ... Supervision, Erection and Commissioning of Battery Charger 110V, 100AH in C&M Division, GESCOM, Bellary on ...
... http://... 2014 up to 15:00 Hrs.
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No. KSWC/ENG/123/F-21/3/2014-15 Date: 19-08-2014
SHORT TERM 'E' PROCUREMENT NOTIFICATION
The Managing Director, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation, Bangalore has invited e-procurement from the Registered Electrical Contractors of KPWD/CPWD. The eligible contractors may submit e-procurement for providing internal, external electrification and providing street lighting facilities to newly constructed warehouse at Ranebennur. The website address is www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The details of the Schedule-'B' is available in the above website. The EMD and Tender processing charges is to be furnished online while submitting tenders. The last date for receipt of e-Procurement is on 12-09-2014 upto 4.30 pm. The opening of Technical Bid is on 15-09-2014 at 4.30 pm. Further details can be obtained from the office of the under signed during working hours and also at website 'www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in'
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Experts vouch for public health corps

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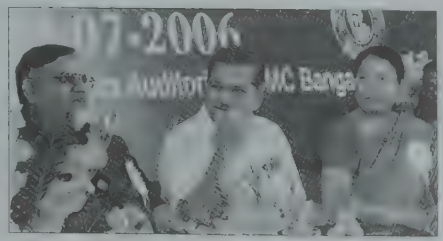

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BU's MSc course in molecular biology, life sciences

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BANGALORE: Bangalore University (BU) will start two new post-graduate courses – MSc (molecular biology) and MSc (life sciences) – in addition to a post-graduate course in electronic media from this academic year

A decision to this effect was taken at the BU Syndicate meeting held on Saturday. The intake for these courses will be decided by the respective departments after making arrangements for the required laboratory facilities and infrastructure, sources said

The tuition fees, however, will be on the high side, as all the three courses have been categorised as self-financing. An official notification will be issued next week

BU has already invited applications for admission to various PG courses for academic year 2006-07 at the Jnana Bharathi campus, the Central College campus, the PG Centre at Kolar and in affiliated colleges. Students can apply for the new courses once the official notification is out, sources added

Meanwhile, affiliated colleges accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) irrespective of their ranking can now apply for autonomy with BU. Earlier, BU had stipulated that colleges with five-star ranking alone can apply for autonomy

President A P J Abdul Kalam will be visiting BU on August 21 to inaugurate a two-day seminar on "Women in Science and Technology" organised by the Centre for Women Studies. Governor T N Chaturvedi will inaugurate another seminar – "Forum for free thought" – on August 4. Meanwhile, BU's newsletter Jnana Vahini will be launched on August 10

EMPLOY

New director takes charge

Dr Plosi D'souza has take over as the director of Employees State Insurance Scheme Medical Services, Rajajinagar Previously, she has served as medical superintendent of ESI Hospital Belgaum

WEATHER / WATER LEVELS

Monsoon was weak over coastal Karnataka. Rainfall occurred at a few places over Interior. Heavy rainfall amounts (cm): Londa 8 Other chief rainfall amounts (cm): Nilkund, Yellapura, Khanapur 6 each; Sulya, Kadra, Siddapura, Humchadakatte 4 each; Sirsi, Joida, Nippani, Belgaum, Bhagamandala, Somwarpet, Saleshpura, Arkalgud 3 each; Belthangadi, Siddapura, Mundagod, Haliyal, Chikodi, Haunsbhavi, Chincholi, Yadgir, Manvi, Sagar, Thirthahalli, Madikeri, Sandur, Hagaribommanahalli, Chitradurga 2 each

Farmers forecast valid until the morning of Monday: Moderate to heavy rain likely to occur at many places over all districts of coastal Karnataka

Light to moderate rain likely to occur at many places over Belgaum, Dharwad, Haveri, Gulbarga, Bidar districts of north interior and Kodagu, Chikmagalur, Shimoga districts of south interior and at a few places over remaining districts of north interior and Chitradurga, Bellary, Davanagere, Hassan districts of south interior and at isolated places over remaining districts of south interior Karnataka

Outlook for subsequent two days: No significant change is expected over the State

Reservoir	Full level	Present level
Linganamakki	1819.00	1806.95
Supa*	564.00	551.25
Tungabhadra	1633.00	1631.38
Harangi	2859.00	2858.06
Hema	2922.00	2921.06
Kabini	2284.00	2284.00
Bhi	124.80	124.80

*Levels in metres

*Temperature in degree celsius Rainfall in mm past 24 hrs)

KARNATAKA

Stations	Max	Min	Rain	Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Interior South				Interior North			
	33	NA	NA	Belgaum	24	20	12
	27	18	00	Dharwad	25	20	14
lore	28	19	00	Bijapur	27	22	01
lury	32	25	00	Gadag	25	21	03
	26	19	08	Gulbarga	28	19	03
	34	NA	NA	Raichur	30	22	02
	34	18	03	Coastal			
	27	19	06	Honnavar	29	25	88
	29	20	56	Karwar	31	27	02
	27	16	16	Mangalore	29	22	07
	28	20	00	Bhatkal	31	25	02

OTHER STATIONS

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	27	25	12		32	25	18
	25	24	72		28	22	96
	29	25	56		35	27	16
	26	25	32		33	26	02
	33	25	00		34	27	02
	34	25	00		28	25	27
	29	25	32		29	25	40
	33	25	24		33	24	12

Janapada Jangama is dead

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BANGALORE: Freedom fighter, Gandhian and folklorist S K Karim Khan breathed his last on Saturday morning (11.50 am), following a cardiac arrest, at the Bhagavan Mahaveer Jain Hospital. He was 98.

Karim Khan who was kept in the ICU, was on a ventilator for the last 10 days. He was suffering from lung infection and pneumonia, and was bedridden for over a year.

He was buried at 8 p.m. at the Ulsoor graveyard.

As a poet, writer, lyricist, novelist, playwright, orator and editor, a multifaceted Karim Khan went by many names that described him as 'Janapada Jangama', 'walking encyclopedia', 'incredible speaker' and more.

His contribution to the folk arts has been justly identified and his *Janapada Geethegalu* decorate the libraries in many academies. His role during the Independence, the Karnataka Unification, formation of the Bharat Seva Dal and as a strong campaigner of the Congress party, post Independence, gives a glimpse into the life of this bachelor who led a simple life.

Hindu philosophy

Born in 1905 in Sakleshpur, Hassan district, Karim Khan took to Hindu philosophy and started collecting folk literature at an early age. His father Rehman Khan had migrated from Kabul in Afghanistan and set up base in south India.

Having entered the freedom movement, he was imprisoned eight times. He then plunged into politics where his ability as an orator helped the Congress party build a rapport with the masses.

He was recently presented with the Kempe Gowda award that added to his plethora of awards — the Nadoja award presented by the Hampi University, Janapada Shri by the State, Hamsaratna Prashasthi and the G Sham Pa award.

He also received the State award for his dialogues for the film *'Saaraa Gouri'* that won the National Award.

Apart from writing dialogues for more than 25 Kannada films, he also penned lyrics for several Kannada movies, particularly mythological films. Mr Khan also served as the Chairman of the Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy

Mr Khan who had lived for more than 30 years at the Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, Bangalore, was moved to his brother's house in Ulsoor after he broke his 'femur' 10 years ago.

None fulfiled it

Successive governments assured him a house. But none of them fulfiled it. Mr S M Krishna, during his tenure as Chief Minister promised to gift a house in his personal capacity. He handed over the key of a house located in Banashankari II stage. But Mr Khan refused to accept the CM's personal gift.

Recently Home Minister M P Prakash in the Legislative Council had announced that the government would grant a house for Mr Khan. But that too did not materialise with the death Khan.

Governor T N Chaturvedi and Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy.

Boundary row: All-party team for Delhi on Aug 2

DH News Service

BELGAUM: Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said that an all-party delegation from Karnataka will clarify its stand before the Centre, on the border dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra on August 2, in New Delhi

Disclosing this to media persons who met him at Athani on Saturday, the Chief Minister said he was convening a meeting of all party leaders on Monday (July 31) in connection with the border dispute

"I will also invite some people who have fought during the unification of the state, besides other experts from different fields to this meeting," he added

Clarifying his stand on the continued border row between Karnataka and Maharashtra, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said, "it is unfair to rake up the issue of border dispute again and again, when a final decision on resolving the dispute has already been taken in the past. The state has already said that the report of Mahajan Commission is final and binding. It is unfair to change it."

Other problems

The CM said that there was no need to pressurise the Centre to rake up the border dispute issue Whether it is Karnataka, Maharashtra or any other state for that matter, there are many other problems in the states which need attention. "We need to focus our attention on solving these problems. The common man's problems should also be looked into," he said

"Political motives"

"None of moves on the border row should be taken with political motives. The Centre knows its responsibility and there is a need for the Centre to look at the problems of all states, before arriving at a final decision on its stand about the border dispute. Decisions should not be taken under pressure or in an emotional state," he said.

The Mahajan Commission had already come out with its report and Karnataka would stand by it The State would not change its stand, he said.

Judicial probe into illegal mining soon, says CM

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ATHANI (BELGAUM DIST): Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said a judicial probe into the alleged illegal mining in the state will commence soon

If anybody has information or any other evidence against illegal mining in the state, such matters should be brought to the notice of the authorities probing into the allegations

Speaking to media persons here on Saturday, the chief minister said, "I request the people to bring any evidence they have with regard to illegal mining, to the notice of the team taking up the judicial probe, so that the property of Karnataka can be saved."

"Any evidence"

"Allegations are also being made about the involvement of my family in the illegal mining. If Congress leader D K Shivakumar has any evidence of my family's involvement in the illegal mining, he has every the rights to bring it out," he added.

When asked about the allegations levelled by Mr Shivakumar against his family, he said Mr Shivakumar should not take up such issues for the sake of publicity

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Now it is Shivakumar's turn

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Mr Shivakumar said, being a responsible chief minister of the state, he should answer the questions. Otherwise people of the state would lose faith in him, he added

Chintan baitak: BJP yet to finalise location

BANGALORE, DHNS: The State unit of the BJP is yet to finalise the location for conducting its two-day 'chintan baitak' scheduled to commence from August 5. During the baitak, the performance of the BJP ministers would be reviewed, according to Party President D V Sadananda Gowda

Senior party leader M Venkaiah Naidu, [illegible] General Secretaries Ananthkumar [illegible] and other leaders would attend the meeting.

JOB BRIEF

Examination

The Railway Recruitment Board of Bangalore has scheduled computerised examination for the post of Junior Engineer/ telecom and S and T on July 30. Results will be announced the same day and counselling and verification will be held the next day

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Posts	Qualification	Teaching Experience	Pay Scale	Date/time/ venue of interview
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Tutor/Sr. Resi./Jr. Res. (Comm. Depart.)	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
Chief Admn. Officer	Retired KAS (Sr. Scale) Officer not below the rank of KAS (Sr. Scale)		On contract basis with Consolidated Salary as per GC regulations	[illegible]
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Financial Advisor	Retired officer of State Accounts not less than the rank of Chief Accounts Officer			Mc Gann Hospital Shimoga

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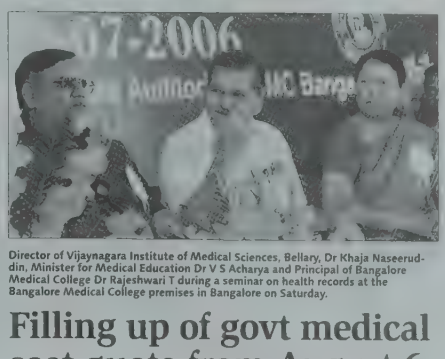

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Highlights

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Commodity

Dr Jayaprakash Muliyil of Christian Medical College is a Steering Committee Member of the World Health Organisation backed SEAPHEIN (South East Asia Public Health Education Institutes Network) which was set up in 2004.

Arguing for a separate cadre to take care of public health, Dr Muliyil queried thus: "Medicine has become a commodity, medical colleges are also commercialised. Who will look after public health then?"

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Experts vouch for public health corps

By Kavitha Kushalappa
DH News Service

BANGALORE: Will the recent move to set up Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) eventually lead up to the revival of the erstwhile Indian Medical Service cadre on the lines of the IAS or IPS? Community Health experts are hoping that it shall be so.

Top among the PHFI's stated goals is to provide a multi disciplinary approach to public health by setting up a few National Schools of Public Health on the lines of IITs and IIMs. The Indian Council of Medical Research is also said to be keen on setting up a few such schools.

Community health experts observe that the end purpose of these schools will be better served if the State governments change their recruitment policy and give weightage to trained public health professionals.

Dr Thelma Narayan, Public Health Policy professional and Joint Convenor of the People's Health Movement (PHM), notes that India's success in fighting small pox or malaria in the immediate years surrounding Independence was largely due to the IMS cadres.

Speaking to ***Deccan Herald***, she recalled that the IMS cadres were trained by the British on the lines of the Indian Civil Service (ICS) cadres. Post-independence, the ICS cadres were repackaged as IAS, but the IMS cadres were disbanded as health and education became state subjects.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Malaria, small pox curbed during independence due to Indian medical service cadres
- IMS cadre disbanded post Independence
- To provide multi-disciplinary approach to public health
- Separate cadre needed to take care of public health in commercialised world

Though the State governments did absorb some of the IMS cadres, there was no training of future cadres. It has meant that today, posts such as district health officers or programme control officers (read malaria control officer) and directorate-level positions are held by clinicians and administrative cadres, she noted.

Commodity

Dr Jayaprakash Muliyil of Christian Medical College is a Steering Committee Member of the World Health Organisation backed SEAPHEIN (South East Asia Public Health Education Institutes Network) which was set up in 2004.

Arguing for a separate cadre to take care of public health, Dr Muliyil queried thus: "Medicine has become a commodity, medical colleges are also commercialised. Who will look after public health then?"

He went on to note that in a commercialised atmosphere, "doctors benefit" from the outbreak of epidemics and that "the system is ideal" for industries and development to flourish without considering their impact on health and environment. For the people directly linked with the PHFI, it is early days yet.

The first meeting of its governing council is slated for August 3. When contacted, Dr Srinath Reddy, PHFI Director-designate and renowned preventive cardiologist, noted that health cadres and their recruitment are a policy issue concerning the State governments.

"The PHFI will be looking at a public health service. It is best done in consultation with people already in it. We will seek to establish a consensus," he said.

Director of Vijaynagara Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary, Dr Khaja Naseeruddin, Minister for Medical Education Dr V S Acharya and Principal of Bangalore Medical College Dr Rajeshwari T during a seminar on health records at the Bangalore Medical College premises in Bangalore on Saturday.

Filling up of govt medical seat quota from August 6

BANGALORE, DHNS: The Common Entrance Test (CET) Cell will conduct a special selection process for three days from August 6 to fill the 275 medical seats added recently to the government's kitty, Medical Education Minister V S Acharya announced on Saturday.

Dr Acharya told reporters that with the Medical Council of India (MCI) approving two new government medical colleges (in Mandya and Belgaum), 200 medical seats had been added to the government quota. Counselling, apart from these seats, for an additional 50 seats in MVJ Medical College, Bangalore, and 25 seats in Basaveshwara Medical College, Chitradurga, would be held during the three days. The new medical colleges in Belgaum and Mandya will start functioning from September 1, he added.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bangalore, dhns: The government is planning to extend the retirement age for medical teaching staff to 65 years, along with offering attractive pay scales.

These issues would be placed before the next Cabinet meeting for consideration. The proposal would be in tune with MCI norms, Dr Acharya said.

To fill vacant teaching posts in medical colleges, the government is planning to transfer doctors from the Department of Health and Family Welfare Services to the Department of Medical Education, he added.

Replying to a query, Dr Acharya said private educational and religious institutions had shown interest in setting up medical colleges in districts with none — Gadag, Koppal, Uttara Kannada, Chickmagalur, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Haveri have neither government nor private medical colleges.

He said the government plans to grant autonomy to the medical colleges based in Mysore and Bangalore soon.

BU's MSc course in molecular biology, life sciences

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Bangalore University (BU) will start two new post-graduate courses – MSc (molecular biology) and MSc (life sciences) – in addition to a post-graduate course in electronic media from this academic year.

A decision to this effect was taken at the BU Syndicate meeting held on Saturday. The intake for these courses will be decided by the respective departments after making arrangements for the required laboratory facilities and infrastructure, sources said.

The tuition fees, however, will be on the higher side as all the three courses have been categorised as self-financing. An official notification will be issued next week.

BU has already invited applications for admission to various PG courses for academic year 2006-07 at the Jnana Bharathi campus, the Central College campus, the PG Centre at Kolar and in affiliated colleges. Students can apply for the new courses once the official notification is out, sources added.

Meanwhile, affiliated colleges accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) irrespective of their ranking can now apply for autonomy with BU. Earlier, BU had stipulated that colleges with five-star ranking alone can apply for autonomy.

President A P J Abdul Kalam will be visiting BU on August 21 to inaugurate a two-day seminar on "Women in Science and Technology" organised by the Centre for Women Studies. Governor T N Chaturvedi will inaugurate another seminar – "From for free thought" – on August 22. Meanwhile, BU's newsletter Jnana Vahini will be launched on August 10.

BRIEFLY

New director takes charge

Dr Plosi D'souza has take over as the director of Employees State Insurance Scheme Medical Services, Rajajinagar. Previously, she has served as medical superintendent of ESI Hospital Belgaum.

WEATHER / WATER LEVELS

Monsoon was weak over coastal Karnataka. Rainfall occurred at a few places over interior. Heavy rainfall amounts (cm): Londa 8. Other chief rainfall amounts (cm): Nilkund, Yellapura, Khanapur 6 each, Sulya, Kadra, Siddapura, Humchadakatte 4 each; Sirsi, Joida, Nippani, Belgaum, Bhagamandala, Somwarpet, Sakleshpura, Arkalgud 3 each; Belthangadi, Siddapura, Mundagod, Haliyal, Chikodi, Haunsbhavi, Chincholi, Gadgir, Manvi, Sagar, Thirthahalli, Madikeri, Sandur, Hagaribommanahalli, Chitradurga 2 each.

Farmers forecast valid until the morning of Monday: Moderate to heavy rain likely to occur at many places over all districts of coastal Karnataka.

Light to moderate rain likely to occur at many places over Belgaum, Dharwad, Haveri, Gulbarga, Bidar districts of north interior and Kodagu, Chikmagalur, Shimoga districts of south interior and at a few places over remaining districts of north interior and Chitradurga, Bellary, Davanagere, Hassan districts of south interior and at isolated places over remaining districts of south interior Karnataka.

Outlook for subsequent two days: No significant change is expected over the State.

Reservoir	Full level	Present level
Linganamakki	1819.00	1806.95
Supa*	564.00	559.25
Tungabhadra	1633.00	1631.38
Harangi	2859.00	2858.06
Hema	2922.00	2921.06
Kabini	2284.00	2284.00
KRS	124.80	124.80

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*Temperature in degree celsius Rainfall in mm past 24 hrs)

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Interior South			
	31	18	NA
	27	18	00
	28	19	00
	31	20	00
	31	19	08
	24	18	00
	24	18	01
	27	19	06
	29	20	00
	31	19	16
	26	20	00

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Interior North			
Belgaum	24	20	12
Dharwad	25	20	14
Bijapur	27	22	01
Gadag	25	21	03
Gulbarga	28	19	03
	24	22	02
Coastal			
	29	25	06
	31	27	02
	27	22	07
	31	25	02

OTHER STATIONS

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
	31	25	18
	31	24	03
Kannur AP	28	27	11
Kozhikode	31	26	52
Mangalore	28	23	62
Pune	28	25	23
Panjim	29	25	10
Trivandrum	31	23	11

Janapada Jangama is dead

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Freedom fighter, Gandhian and folklorist S K Karim Khan breathed his last on Saturday morning (11.50 am), following a cardiac arrest, at the Bhagavan Mahaveer Jain Hospital. He was 98.

Karim Khan who was kept in the ICU, was on a ventilator for the last 10 days. He was suffering from lung infection and pneumonia, and was bedridden for over a year.

He was buried at 8 p.m. at the Ulsoor graveyard.

As a poet, writer, lyricist, novelist, playwright, orator and editor, a multifaceted Karim Khan was hailed by many names that described him as 'Janapada Jangama', 'walking encyclopedia', 'incredible speaker' and more.

His contribution to the folk arts has been justly identified and his *Janapada Geethegalu* decorate the libraries in many academies. His role during the Independence, the Karnataka Unification, formation of the Bharat Seva Dal and as a strong campaigner of the Congress party, post Independence, gives a glimpse into the life of this bachelor who led a simple life.

Hindu philosophy

Born in 1905 in Sakleshpur, Hassan district, Karim Khan took to Hindu philosophy and started collecting folk literature at an early age. His father Rehman Khan had migrated from Kabul in Afghanistan and set up base in south India.

Having entered the freedom movement, he was imprisoned eight times. He then plunged into politics where his ability as an orator helped the Congress party build a rapport with the masses.

He was recently presented with the Kempe Gowda award that added to his plethora of awards — the Nadoja award presented by the Hampi University, Janapada Shri by the State, Hamsaratna Prashasthi and the G Sham Pa award.

He also received the State award for his dialogues for the film *'Swarna Gouri'* that won the National Award.

Apart from writing dialogues for more than 25 Kannada films, he also penned lyrics for several Kannada movies, particularly mythological films. Mr Khan also served as the Chairman of the Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy.

Mr Khan who had lived for more than 30 years at the Dravaka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, Bangalore, was moved to his brother's house in Ulsoor after he broke his femur 10 years ago.

None fulfiled it

Successive governments assured him a house. But none of them fulfiled it. Mr S M Krishna, during his tenure as Chief Minister promised to gift a house in his personal capacity. He handed over the key of a house located in Banashankari II stage. But Mr Khan refused to accept the CM's personal gift.

Recently Home Minister M P Prakash and the Legislative Council had announced that the government would grant a house for Mr Khan. But that too did not materialise with the death Khan.

Governor T N Chaturvedi and Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy.

Boundary row: All-party team for Delhi on Aug 2

DH News Service

BELGAUM: Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said that an all-party delegation from Karnataka will clarify its stand before the Centre, on the border dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra on August 2, in New Delhi.

Disclosing this to media persons who met him at Athani on Saturday, the Chief Minister said he was convening a meeting of all party leaders on Monday (July 31) in connection with the border dispute.

"I will also invite some people who have fought during the unification of the state, besides other experts from different fields to this meeting," he added.

Clarifying his stand on the continued border row between Karnataka and Maharashtra, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said, "it is unfair to rake up the issue of border dispute again and again, when a final decision on resolving the dispute has already been taken in the past. The state has already said that the report of Mahajan Commission is final and binding. It is unfair to change it."

Other problems

The CM said that there was no need to pressurise the Centre to rake up the border dispute issue. Whether it is Karnataka, Maharashtra or any other state for that matter, there are many other problems in the states which need attention. "We need to focus our attention on solving these problems. The common man's problems should also be looked into," he said.

"Political motives"

"None of moves on the border row should be taken with political motives. The issue is not to keep its responsibility and there is a need for the Centre to look at the problems of all states, before arriving at a final decision on its stand about the border dispute. Decisions should not be taken under pressure or in an emotional state," he said.

The Mahajan Commission had already come out with its report and Karnataka would stand by it. The State would not change its stand, he said.

Judicial probe into illegal mining soon, says CM

DH News Service

ATHANI (BELGAUM DIST): Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said a judicial probe into the alleged illegal mining in the state will commence soon.

If anybody has information or any other evidence against illegal mining in the state, such matters should be brought to the notice of the authorities probing into the allegations.

Speaking to media persons here on Saturday, the chief minister said, "I request the people to bring any evidence they have with regard to illegal mining, to the notice of the team taking up the judicial probe, so that the property of Karnataka can be saved."

"Any evidence"

"Allegations are also being made about the involvement of my family in the illegal mining. If Congress leader D K Shivakumar has any evidence of my family's involvement in the illegal mining, he has every the rights to bring it out," he added.

When asked about the allegations levelled by Mr Shivakumar against his family, he said Mr Shivakumar should not take up such issues for the sake of publicity.

If he had any proof or documents regarding my family's involvement in illegal mining, he should produce it before the probe team, he added.

Now it is Shivakumar's turn

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Congress leader D K Shivakumar has criticised Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy for referring to him as 'a thief' while reacting to the allegations made on his family members. Addressing a press conference in Bangalore on Saturday, Mr Shivakumar wanted to know from Mr Kumaraswamy that when and what he did steal? Whether a theft case was registered against him? Where the case was registered? When was he punished?

Mr Shivakumar said, being a responsible chief minister of the state, he should answer the questions. Otherwise people of the state would lose faith in him, he added.

Chintan baitak: BJP yet to finalise location

BANGALORE, DHNS: The State unit of the BJP is yet to finalise the location for conducting its two-day 'chintan baitak' scheduled to commence from August 5. During the baitak, the performance of the BJP ministers would be reviewed, according to Party President D V Sadananda Gowda.

Senior party leader M Venkaiah Naidu [illegible] General Secretary Ananth [illegible] Organising Conveners Sanjay Joshi and [illegible] will be present on the occasion.

BRIEFLY

Examination

The Railway Recruitment Board of Bangalore has scheduled computerised examination for the post of Junior Engineer/ telecom and S and T on July 30. Results will be announced the same day and counselling and verification will be held the next day.

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High command to decide on BJP candidates

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Mr Thavarchand Gehlot, BJP General Secretary in charge of party affairs in Karnataka is understood to have come down heavily upon the State party office-bearers and leaders for a 'lack of consensus' over the candidates for the forthcoming Council elections.

With the State BJP leaders remaining divided over the candidates for the Council elections and the absence of an state party Election Committee, Mr Gehlot reportedly made strong remarks about the confusion and said that the final decision would be taken by the party high command Mr Gehlot on Saturday held meetings with the BJP leaders at Kumarakrupa in Bangalore.

Following the resignation of Mukhya Mantri Chandru from his post from the State Election Committee, the Committee has more or less been non-existent. Though the BJP leaders have not so far made it clear whether Mr Chandru's resignation has been accepted, State President D V Sadananda Gowda had recently announced that a new committee would be formed to finalise names for the elections.

Sources said despite the annoucement by Mr Gowda, no committee had been constituted.

The final list is likely to be announced on Sunday, sources added.

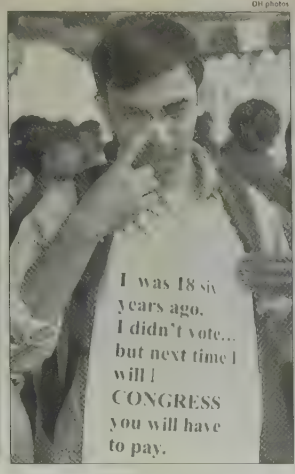
Mr Sadananda Gowda, Deputy Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa, Arvind Limbavali, K S Eshwarappa, Govind Karjol, Ananth Kumar, Jagadish Shettar, Basanagouda Patil Yetnal and D H Shankaramurthy have reportedly left for New Delhi in this connection.

Strong contenders

Meanwhile, strong contenders for the forthcoming elections include S Suresh Kumar, Thontadarya, BJP Mysore district President, Janardhana Reddy, BJP Bellary district President, former MLA B B Shivappa, MLC Vimala Gowda, Srikanth Kulkarni, BJP senior leader from Bijapur, Sri-latha Poornachandra, Mahila Morcha BJP President and sister of Congress leader Rani Satish.

List ready

In Mangalore yesterday, Mr Sadananda Gowda had claimed that the list of candidates to be included in the Ministry was ready. However, he declined to reveal the names as Mr Yeddyurppa had to approve it. He said that the ministry was being expanded at the right time, as the absence of fulltime ministers was felt in several departments in the State.



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Sri Basavaraj Devaru of Revannasiddeshwara Mutt, along with the members of Yuvajana Jagruthi Vedike burning an effigy during a pro-reservation rally in Bangalore on Saturday. (Right) A medical student participating in an anti-reservation rally.

Quota rallies continue

DH News Service

BANGALORE: The city witnessed two rallies on Saturday. One in opposition to reservation for OBCs in central education institutions, while the other was in support of it.

More than 1,500 medical engineering students and alumni of IIM and IIT staged a peaceful protest opposing the proposed 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in the central education institutions.

Protesters who gathered at Chikka Lalbagh took out a rally up to Banappa park, passing through Anandrao circle, Old Jail road, Kanakadasa circle, Palace road and the Mysore bank circle. They shouted slogans against Union Minister for Human Resources Development Arjun Singh, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Addressing the protesters at Banappa park, Mr Kumar Gourav, an IIT alumnus demanded that the Union Government should include educationists and software professionals such as N R Narayana Murthy on the committee, to be formed by the Prime Minister to study the reservation proposal. He also urged the government to make all efforts to create 'reservation-free society' by decreasing the rate of reservation every year by 2 per cent in all sectors.

Student leaders addressing the gathering said the reservation policy had failed to yield the results, expected with its implementation. Instead of reservation the government should chalk out programmes to provide free and quality education to all sections of society up to SSLC.

Students from Bangalore Medical College, M S Ramaiah Medical College, KIMS, Indian Institute of Management and many engineering colleges took part in the protest.

Pro-reservation

Yuvajana Jagruti Vedike staged a rally and rasta roko demanding implementation of the reservation. Protesters who took out a rally from Chalukya hotel and gathered in Rangaswamy circle where they burnt an effigy of the people who are opposing reservation. They also staged rasta-roko for sometime in the circle.

Addressing the gathering, Sri Basavaraja Devaru of Revanasiddeshwara Mahamath, said, all those who are opposing reservation are being supported by the IT and BT companies. If the government succumbs to their pressure, it will lead to a blood revolution in the country, he warned.

Merit ka kya hoga, Kaaliya..?

Anti-reservation protesters were a bit creative when it comes to literature of their placards. A girl bluntly was asking "Reservation?! Ab merit ka kya hoga kaaliya?"

Another boy was cautioning the Congress party with a placard holding close to his chest which said "I was 18, six years go. I did not vote then. But next time I will. Congress, U will have to pay".

Dejected over the reservation policy, a protester mocked the government by saying "Next time reservation in Olympics for India".

Interestingly a boy had pasted two posters. One with a dialogue between Bhagavan Sri Krishna and Arjun. "Priya Arjun, tell me what U C ? Arjun (singh) replies, "Bhagavan I C only OBC". While on the right of his chest he had a placard saying "I have a son, is an year old. He is not born with a spoon of gold"

Govt to foot Karim Khan's medical bill

DH News Service

BANGALORE: The State Government on Saturday announced that it would meet the medical expenses incurred by ailing folklorist S K Karim Khan.

Mr Khan is in Bowring Hospital from last six days following deterioration of his health.

Mr I M Vittal Murthy, Secretary, Department of Kannada & Culture on Saturday visited Bowring Hospital and spoke to the doctors who are attending on Mr Khan. He also said that the government would meet the medical expenses, according to an official press note.

Deccan Herald on May 19 had published that Mr Khan was in hospital and the government had failed to fulfill its promises of providing a house and an attendant to him.

Jalappa favours reservations

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Even as thousands of medical students are coming on the streets to protest against the proposed reservation for OBCs, former Union minister and MP R L Jalappa, who also runs many education institutions including a Medical college, has come in support of Union Minister Arjun Singh.

In a letter written to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, which was disclosed to the press on Saturday, Mr Jalappa said, "it is disheartening and shameful to learn that some medical students are coming to the streets to protest against reservations." He has also appealed to the Prime Minister not to pacify the protesters by providing additional seats in higher education institutions.

He further said the basic weakness of the government lies in providing education to the so-called forward communities at ridiculously lower fees. Instead, the government should enhance the fee of forward community students and extend scholarship to all OBCs, he said.

Nutrition awards distributed

DH News Service

BANGALORE: The Herbalife Nutrition Forum Maiden Annual Awards were distributed in Bangalore on Saturday.

Dr Tara Gopal Das, retired professor, Nutrition, M S University, Baroda, received the 'Lifetime Achievement' award, with a cash award of Rs 1 lakh and a trophy and Prof Molly Joshi, CMC Ludhiana got the 'Best Practicing Dietician & Nutritionist' award, which consisted of Rs 50,000 and a trophy.

The 'Outstanding Student Nutritionist' award went to Shikha Nayvar, student, Lady Irwin College New Delhi. It carried Rs 50,000, a trophy and a certificate. The College also won Rs 50,000 for "nurturing the outstanding student nutritionist."

In his key note address at the award ceremony, Dr V Prakash, director, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) Mysore, said absence of intake of micronutrients like iron, Vitamin A, zinc, iodine in our diet, may lead to a lot of metabolic problems in people, especially children.

When we talk about the right to food, we should also talk about the right to nutrition. While one can feel hunger, malnutrition is something that is hidden, he said.

He said there was a need to understand nutrigenomics, according to which, the individual response to particular food are different because of our genetic make-up. In the future we may be able to prevent some diseases, and even modify as per the need. He said while adding that nutrition could be used effectively

Retired professor of nutrition at M S University, Baroda and veteran nutritionist Dr Tara Gopaldas receives the maiden Herbalife Nutrition Forum lifetime achievement award from CFTRI Director Dr V Prakash in Bangalore on Saturday.

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All in the name of God

HASSAN, DHNS: It was a virtual blood bath at Boovanahalli Deveeramma fair as thousands of sheep and chickens were sacrificed to appease the God.

According to a conservative estimate nearly 20,000 animals and birds were sacrificed till Saturday afternoon, leaving a virtual pool of blood near Deveeramma tank in the village.

Thousands of people had gathered to eat the 'prasad' made out of sacrificed animals and birds. One could see hundreds of vehicles making their way to the village from different parts of the State. Police had to stop the vehicles some three kms away from the village for better management of the crowd. Immediately after the sacrifice women were getting ready to prepare dishes to serve the guests.

Sinking their diffrences people from Boovanahalli, Bastenahalli, Kateehalli Koppalu, B Thimmegowdanahalli and Aduvalli were seen sharing the prasad. Many had observed rituals on Friday night to appease Deveeramma. According to the villagers such fair is being held once in every five years for over 450 years.

Many had come prepared for the revelery as liquor was freely served at the fair held after a gap of nine years. Last fair could not be held because of recurring drought.

Tadadi project: Panel set up

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BANGALORE: Mr Thavarchand Gehlot, BJP General Secretary in charge of party affairs in Karnataka is understood to have come down heavily upon the State party office-bearers and leaders for a 'lack of consensus' over the candidates for the forthcoming Council elections.

With the State BJP leaders remaining divided over the candidates for the Council elections and the absence of an state party Election Committee, Mr Gehlot reportedly made strong remarks about the confusion and said that the final decision would be taken by the party high command. Mr Gehlot on Saturday held meetings with the BJP leaders at Kumarakrupa in Bangalore

Following the resignation of Mukhya Mantri Chandru from his post from the State Election Committee, the Committee has more or less been non-existent. Though the BJP leaders have not so far made it clear whether Mr Chandru's resignation has been accepted, State President D V Sadananda Gowda had recently announced that a new committee would be formed to finalise names for the elections.

Sources said despite the announcement by Mr Gowda, no committee had been constituted

The final list is likely to be announced on Sunday, sources added.

Mr Sadananda Gowda, Deputy Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Arvind Limbavali, K S Eshwarappa, Govind Karjol, Ananth Kumar, Jagadish Shettar, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and D H Shankaramurthy have reportedly left for New Delhi in this connection

Strong contenders

Meanwhile, strong contenders for the forthcoming elections include S Suresh Kumar, Thontadarya, BJP Mysore district President, Janardhana Reddy, BJP Bellary district President, former MLA B B Shivappa, MLC Vimala Gowda, Srikanth Kulkarni, BJP senior leader from Bijapur, Srilatha Poornachandra, Mahila Morcha BJP President and sister of Congress leader Rani Satish.

List ready

In Mangalore yesterday, Mr Sadananda Gowda had claimed that the list of candidates to be included in the Ministry was ready. However, he declined to reveal the names as Mr Yediyurppa had to approve it. He said that the ministry was being expanded at the right time, as the absence of fulltime ministers was felt in several departments in the State.

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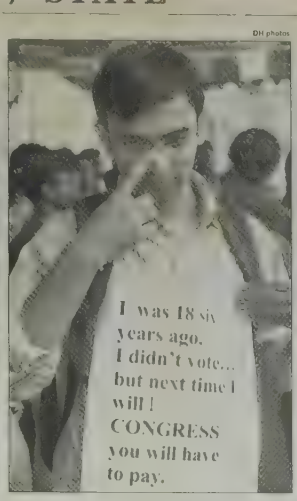

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Quota rallies continue

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BANGALORE: The city witnessed two rallies on Saturday. One in opposition to reservation for OBCs in central education institutions, while the other was in support of it.

More than 1,500 medical, engineering students and alumni of IIM and IIT staged a peaceful protest opposing the proposed 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in the central education institutions.

Protesters who gathered at Chikka Lalbagh took out a rally up to Banappa park, passing through Anandrao circle, Old Jail road, Kanakadasa circle, Palace road and the Mysore bank circle. They shouted slogans against Union Minister for Human Resources Development Arjun Singh, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Addressing the protesters at Bannappa park, Mr Kumar Gourav, an IIT alumnus demanded that the Union Government should include educationists and software professionals such as N R Narayana Murthy on the committee, to be formed by the Prime Minister to study the reservation proposal. He also urged the government to make all efforts to create 'reservation-free society' by decreasing the rate of reservation every year by 2 per cent in all sectors.

Student leaders addressing the gathering said the reservation policy had failed to yield the results, expected with its implementation. Instead of reservation the government should chalk out programmes to provide free and quality education to all sections of society up to SSLC.

Students from Bangalore Medical College, M S Ramaiah Medical College, KIMS, Indian Institute of Management and many engineering colleges took part in the protest.

Pro-reservation

Yuvajana Jagruti Vedike staged a rally and rasta roko demanding implementation of the reservation Protesters who took out a rally from Chalukya hotel and gathered in Rangaswamy circle where they burnt an effigy of the people who are opposing reservation. They also staged rasta-roko for sometume in the circle.

Addressing the gathering, Sri Basavaraja Devaru of Revanasiddeshwara Mahamath, said, all those who are opposing reservation are being supported by the IT and BT companies. If the government succumbs to their pressure, it will lead to a blood revolution in the country, he warned.

Merit ka kya hoga, Kaaliya..?

Anti-reservation protesters were a bit creative when it comes to literature of their placards. A girl bluntly was asking "Reservation?! Ab merit ka kya hoga kaaliya?"

Another boy was cautioning the Congress party with a placard holding close to his chest which said "I was 18, six years go. I did not vote then. But next time I will. Congress, U will have to pay".

Dejected over the reservation policy, a protester mocked the government by saying "Next time reservation in Olympics for India".

Interestingly a boy had pasted two posters. One with a dialogue between Bhagavan Sri Krishna and Arjun. "Priya Arjun, tell me what U C ? Arjun (singh) replies, "Bhagavan I C only OBC". While on the right of his chest he had a placard saying "I have a son, is an year old. He is not born with a spoon of gold".

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Mr Khan is in Bowring Hospital from last six days following deterioration of his health.

Mr I M Vittal Murthy, Secretary, Department of Kannada & Culture on Saturday visited Bowring Hospital and spoke to the doctors who are attending on Mr Khan. He also said that the government would meet the medical expenses, according to an official press note.

Deccan Herald on May 19 had published that Mr Khan was in hospital and the government had failed to fulfill its promises of providing a house and an attendant to him.

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All in the name of God

HASSAN, DHNS: It was a virtual blood bath at Boovanahalli Deveeramma fair as thousands of sheep and chickens were sacrificed to appease the God.

According to a conservative estimate nearly 20,000 animals and birds were sacrificed till Saturday afternoon, leaving a virtual pool of blood near Deveeramma tank in the village.

Thousands of people had gathered to eat the 'prasad' made out of sacrificed animals and birds. One could see hundreds of vehicles making their way to the village from different parts of the State. Police had to stop the vehicles some three kms away from the village for better management of the crowd. Immediately after the sacrifice women were getting ready to prepare dishes to serve the guests

Sinking their diffrences people from Boovanahalli, Bastenahalli, Kateehalli Koppalu, B Thimmegowdanahalli and Aduvalli were seen sharing the prasad. Many had observed rituals on Friday night to appease Deveeramma. According to the folklore such fair is being held once in every five years for over 450 years

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In a letter written to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, which was disclosed to the press on Saturday, Mr Jalappa said, "it is disheartening and shameful to learn that some medical students are coming to the streets to protest against reservations." He has also appealed to the Prime Minister not to pacify the protesters by providing additional seats in higher education institutions.

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Nutrition awards distributed

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BANGALORE: The Herbalife Nutrition Forum Maiden Annual Awards were distributed in Bangalore on Saturday.

Dr Tara Gopal Das, retired professor, Nutrition, M S University, Baroda, received the 'Lifetime Achievement' award, with a cash award of Rs 1 lakh and a trophy and Prof Molly Joshi, CMC Ludhiana got the 'Best Practicing Dietician & Nutritionist' award which consisted of Rs 50,000 and a trophy.

The 'Outstanding Student Nutritionist' award went to Shikha Nayyar, student, Lady Irwin College New Delhi. It carried Rs 50,000, a trophy and a certificate. The College also won Rs 50,000 for "nurturing the outstanding student nutritionist."

In his key note address at the award ceremony, Dr V Prakash, director, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore, said, absence of intake of micronutrients like iron, Vitamin A, zinc, iodine in our diet, may lead to a lot of metabolic problems in people, especially children

"When we talk about the right to food, we should also talk about the right to nutrition. While one can feel hunger, malnutrition is something that is hidden," he said

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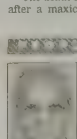

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Top among the PHFI's stated goals is to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to public health by setting up a few National Schools of Public Health on the lines of IITs and IIMs. The Indian Council of Medical Research is also said to be keen on setting up a few such schools.

Community health experts observe that the end purpose of these schools will be better served if the State governments change their recruitment policy and give weightage to trained public health professionals.

Dr Thelma Narayan, Public Health Policy professional and Joint Convenor of the People's Health Movement (PHM), notes that India's success in fighting small pox or malaria in the immediate years surrounding Independence was largely due to the IMS cadres.

Speaking to *Deccan Herald*, she recalled that the IMS cadres were trained by the British on the lines of the Indian Civil Service (ICS) cadres. Post-Independence, the ICS cadres were repackaged as IAS, but the IMS cadres were disbanded as health and education became state subjects.

Though the State governments did absorb some of the IMS cadres, there was no training of future cadres. It has meant that today, posts such as district health officers or programme control officers (read malaria control officer) and directorate-level positions are held by clinicians and administrative cadres, she noted.

Commodity

Dr Jayaprakash Muliyil of Christian Medical College is a Steering Committee Member of the World Health Organisation backed SEAPHEIN (South East Asia Public Health Education Institutes Network) which was set up in 2004.

Arguing for a separate cadre to take care of public health, Dr Muliyil queried thus: "Medicine has become a commodity, medical colleges are also commercialised. Who will look after public health then?"

He went on to note that in a commercialised atmosphere, "doctors benefit" from the outbreak of epidemics and that "the system is ideal" for industries and development to flourish without considering their impact on health and environment, for the people directly linked with the PHFI, it is early days yet.

The first meeting of its governing council is slated for August 8. When contacted, Dr Srinath Reddy, PHFI Director-designate and renowned preventive cardiologist, noted that health cadres and their recruitment are a policy issue concerning the State governments.

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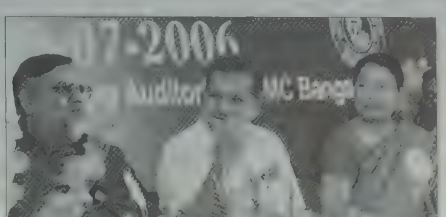

Director of Vijaynagara Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary, Dr Khaja Naseeruddin, Minister for Medical Education Dr V S Acharya and Principal of Bangalore Medical College Dr Rajeshwari T during a seminar on health records at the Bangalore Medical College premises in Bangalore on Saturday.

Filling up of govt medical seat quota from August 6

BANGALORE, DHNS: The Common Entrance Test (CET) Cell will conduct a special selection process for three days from August 6 to fill the 275 medical seats added recently to the government's kitty, Medical Education Minister V S Acharya announced on Saturday.

Dr Acharya told reporters that with the Medical Council of India (MCI) approving two new government medical colleges (in Mandya and Belgaum), 200 medical seats had been added to the government quota. Counselling, apart from these seats, for an additional 50 seats in MVJ Medical College, Bangalore, and 25 seats in Basaveshwara Medical College, Chitradurga, would be held during the three days. The new medical colleges in Belgaum and Mandya will start functioning from September 1, he added.

Replying to a query, Dr Acharya said private educational and religious institutions had shown interest in setting up medical colleges in districts with none [illegible] Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Haveri have neither government nor [illegible] medical colleges.

He said the government plans to start [illegible] in the medical colleges [illegible] in Mysore and Bangalore soon.

Retirement age for medical staff

Bangalore, dhns: The government is planning to extend the retirement age for medical teaching staff to 65 years, along with offering attractive pay scales.

These issues would be placed before the next Cabinet meeting for consideration. The proposal would be in tune with MCI norms, Dr Acharya said.

To fill vacant teaching posts in medical colleges, the government is planning to transfer doctors from the Department of Health and Family Welfare Services to the Department of Medical Education, he added.

BU's MSc course in molecular biology, life sciences

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BANGALORE: Bangalore University (BU) will start two new post-graduate courses – MSc (molecular biology) and MSc (life sciences) – in addition to a post-graduate course in electronic media from this academic year.

A decision to this effect was taken at the BU Syndicate meeting held on Saturday. The intake for these courses will be decided by the respective departments after making arrangements for the required laboratory facilities and infrastructure, sources said.

The tuition fees, however, will be on the high side, as all the three courses have been categorised as self financing. An official notification will be issued next week.

BU has already invited applications for admission to various PG courses for academic year 2006-07 at its Jnana Bharathi campus, the Central College campus, the PG Centre at Kolar and in affiliated colleges. Students can apply for the new courses once the official notification is out, sources added.

Meanwhile, affiliated colleges accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) irrespective of their ranking can now apply for autonomy with BU. Earlier, BU had stipulated that colleges with five-star ranking alone can apply for autonomy.

President A P J Abdul Kalam will be visiting BU on August 21 to inaugurate a two-day seminar on 'Women in Science and Technology' organised by the Centre for Women Studies. Governor T N Chaturvedi will inaugurate another seminar – "Forum for free thought" – on August 4. Meanwhile, BU's newsletter Jnana Vahini will be launched on August 16.

Obituary

Janapada Jangama is dead

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BANGALORE: Freedom fighter, Gandhian and folklorist S K Karim Khan breathed his last on Saturday morning (11.50 am), following a cardiac arrest, at the Bhagavan Mahaveer Jain Hospital. He was 98.

Karim Khan who was kept in the ICU, was on a ventilator for the last 10 days. He was suffering from lung infection and pneumonia, and was bedridden for over a year.

He was buried at 8 p.m. at the Ulsoor graveyard.

As a poet, writer, lyricist, novelist, playwright, orator and editor, a multi-faceted Karim Khan went by many names that described his persona as 'Janapada Jangama', 'walking encyclopedia', 'incredible speaker' and more.

His contribution to the folk arts has been justly identified and his *Janapada Geethegalu* decorate the libraries in many academies. His role during the Independence, the Karnataka Unification, formation of the Bharat Seva Dal and as a strong campaigner of the Congress party, post Independence, gives a glimpse into the life of this bachelor who led a simple life.

Hindu philosophy

Born in 1905 in Sakleshpur, Hassan district, Karim Khan took to Hindu philosophy and started collecting folk literature at an early age. His father Rehman Khan had migrated from Kabul in Afghanistan and set up base in south India.

Having entered the freedom movement, he was imprisoned eight times. He then plunged into politics where his ability as an orator helped the Congress party build a rapport with the masses.

He was recently presented with the Kempe Gowda award that is close to his plethora of awards -- the Nadoja award presented by the Hampi University, Janapada Shri by the State, Hamsaratna Prashasthi and the G Sham Pa award.

He also received the State award for his dialogues for the film *'Swarna Gowri'* that won the National Award.

Apart from writing dialogues for more than 25 Kannada films, he also penned lyrics for several Kannada movies, particularly mythological films. Mr Khan also served as the Chairman of the Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy.

Mr Khan who had lived for more than 30 years at the Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, Bangalore, was moved to his brother's house in Ulsoor after he broke his femur 10 years ago.

None fulfilled it

Successive governments assured him a house. But none of them fulfilled it. Mr S M Krishna, during his tenure as Chief Minister promised to gift a house in his personal capacity. He handed over the keys of a house located in Banashankari II stage. But Mr Khan refused to accept the CM's personal gift.

Recently Home Minister M P Prakash in the Legislative Council had announced that the government would grant a house for Mr Khan. But that too did not materialise with the death Khan.

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Experts vouch for public health corps

By Kavitha Kushalappa
DH News Service

BANGALORE: Will the recently set up Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) eventually lead up to the revival of the erstwhile Indian Medical Service cadre on the lines of the IAS or IPS? Community Health experts are hoping that it shall be so.

Top among the PHFI's stated goals is to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to public health by setting up a few National Schools of Public Health on the lines of IITs and IIMs. The Indian Council of Medical Research is also said to be keen on setting up a few such schools.

Community health experts observe that the end purpose of these schools will be better served if the State governments change their recruitment policy and give weightage to trained public health professionals.

Dr Thelma Narayan, Public Health Policy professional and Joint Convenor of the People's Health Movement (PHM), notes that India's success in fighting small pox or malaria in the immediate years surrounding Independence was largely due to the IMS cadres.

Speaking to *Deccan Herald*, she recalled that the IMS cadres were trained by the British on the lines of the Indian Civil Service (ICS) cadres. Post-independence, the ICS cadres were repackaged as IAS, but the IMS cadres were disbanded as health and education became state subjects.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Malaria, small pox curbed during Independence due to Indian medical service cadres
- IMS cadre disbanded post Independence
- To provide multi-disciplinary approach to public health
- Separate cadre needed to take care of public health in commercialised world

Though the State governments did absorb some of the IMS cadres, there was no training of future cadres. It has meant that today, posts such as district health officers or programme control officers (read malaria control officer) and directorate-level positions are held by clinicians and administrative cadres, she noted.

Commodity

Dr Jayaprakash Muliyil of Christian Medical College is a Steering Committee Member of the World Health Organisation backed SEAPHEIN (South East Asia Public Health Education Institutes Network) which was set up in 2004.

Arguing for a separate cadre to take care of public health, Dr Muliyil queried thus: "Medicine has become a commodity, medical colleges are also commercialised. Who will look after public health then?"

He went on to note that in a commercialised atmosphere, "doctors benefit" from the outbreak of epidemics and that "the system is ideal" for industries and developers to flourish without considering their impact on health and environment. For the people directly linked with the PHFI, it is early days yet.

The first meeting of its governing council is slated for August 8. When contacted, Dr Srinath Reddy, PHFI Director-designate and renowned preventive cardiologist, noted that health cadres and their recruitment are a policy issue concerning the State governments.

"The PHFI will be looking at a public health service. It is best done in consultation with people already in it. We will seek to establish a consensus," he said.

Director of Vijaynagara Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary, Dr Khaja Naseeruddin, Minister for Medical Education Dr V S Acharya and Principal of Bangalore Medical College Dr Rajeshwari T during a seminar on health records at the Bangalore Medical College premises in Bangalore on Saturday.

Filling up of govt medical seat quota from August 6

BANGALORE, DHNS: The Common Entrance Test (CET) Cell will conduct a special selection process for three days from August 6 to fill the 275 medical seats added recently to the government's kitty, Medical Education Minister V S Acharya announced on Saturday.

Dr Acharya told reporters that with the Medical Council of India (MCI) approving two new government medical colleges (in Mandya and Belgaum), 200 medical seats had been added to the government quota. Counselling, apart from these seats, for an additional 50 seats in MVJ Medical College, Bangalore, and 25 seats in Basaveshwara Medical College, Chitradurga, would be held during the three days. The new medical colleges in Belgaum and Mandya will start functioning from September 1, he added.

Replying to a query, Dr Acharya said private educational and religious institutions had shown interest in setting up medical colleges in districts with none. Gadag, Koppal, Uttara Kannada, Chickmagalur, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Haveri have neither government nor private medical colleges.

He said the government plans to grant autonomy to the medical colleges soon in Mysore and Bangalore.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bangalore, dhns: The government is planning to extend the retirement age for medical teaching staff to 65 years, along with offering attractive pay scales.

These issues would be placed before the next Cabinet meeting for consideration. The proposal would be in line with MCI norms, Dr Acharya said.

To fill vacant teaching posts in medical colleges, the government is planning to transfer doctors from the Department of Health and Family Welfare Services to the Department of Medical Education, he added.

BU's MSc course in molecular biology, life sciences

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Bangalore University (BU) will start two new post-graduate courses – MSc (molecular biology) and MSc (life sciences) – in addition to a post-graduate course in electronic media from this academic year.

A decision to this effect was taken at the BU Syndicate meeting held on Saturday. The intake for these courses will be decided by the respective departments after making arrangements for the required laboratory facilities and infrastructure, sources said.

The tuition fees, however, will be on the high side, as all the three courses have been categorised as self-financing. An official notification will be issued next week.

BU has already invited applications for admission to various PG courses for academic year 2006-07 at the Jnana Bharathi campus, the Central College campus, the PG Centre at Kolar and in affiliated colleges. Students can apply for the new courses once the official notification is out, sources added.

Meanwhile, affiliated colleges accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) irrespective of their ranking can now apply for autonomy with BU. Earlier, BU had stipulated that colleges with five-star ranking alone can apply for autonomy.

President A P J Abdul Kalam will be visiting BU on August 21 to inaugurate a two-day seminar on 'Women in Science and Technology" organised by the Centre for Women Studies. Governor T N Chaturvedi will inaugurate another seminar – "Forum for free thought" – on August 4. Meanwhile, BU's newsletter Jnana Vahini will be launched on August 10.

OBITUARY

Janapada Jangama is dead

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Freedom fighter, Gandhian and folklorist S K Karim Khan breathed his last on Saturday morning (11.50 am), following a cardiac arrest, at the Bhagavan Mahaveer Jain Hospital. He was 98.

Karim Khan who was kept in the ICU, was on a ventilator for the last 10 days. He was suffering from lung infection and pneumonia, and was bedridden for over a year.

He was buried at 8 p.m. at the Ulsoor graveyard.

As a poet, writer, lyricist, novelist, playwright, orator and editor, a multi-faceted Karim Khan went by many names that described him as 'Janapada Jangama', 'walking encyclopedia', 'incredible speaker' and more.

His contribution to the folk arts has been justly identified and his *Janapada Geethegalu* decorate the libraries in many academies. His role during the Independence, the Karnataka Unification, formation of the Bharat Seva Dal and as a strong campaigner of the Congress party, post Independence, gives a glimpse into the life of this bachelor who led a simple life.

Hindu philosophy

Born in 1905 in Sakleshpur, Hassan district, Karim Khan took to Hindu philosophy and started collecting folk literature at an early age. His father Rehman Khan had migrated from Kabul in Afghanistan and set up base in south India.

Having entered the freedom movement, he was imprisoned eight times. He then plunged into politics where his ability as an orator helped the Congress party build a rapport with the masses.

He was recently presented with the Kempe Gowda award that added to his plethora of awards --- the Nadoja award presented by the Hampi University, Janapada Shri by the State, Hamsaratna Prashasthi and the G Sham Pa award.

He also received the State award for his dialogues for the film *'Sanna Gouri'* that won the National Award.

Apart from writing dialogues for more than 25 Kannada films, he also penned lyrics for several Kannada movies, particularly mythological films. Mr Khan also served as the Chairman of the Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy.

Mr Khan who had lived for more than 30 years at the Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, Bangalore, was moved to his brother's house in Ulsoor after he broke his femur 10 years ago.

None fulfiled it

Successive governments assured him a house. But none of them fulfiled it. Mr S M Krishna, during his tenure as Chief Minister promised to gift a house in his personal capacity. He handed over the key of a house located in Banashankari II stage. But Mr Khan refused to accept the CM's personal gift.

Recently Home Minister M P Prakash in the Legislative Council had announced that the government would grant a house for Mr Khan. But that too did not materialise with the death Khan.

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Convent started by French nuns of the SMMI Order in Chamarajpet is celebrating its centenary year

Saseenas

BANGALORE: Europe was getting into the throes of World War I in 1914 when two French nuns associated with the Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (SMMI) made their way to what is today Chamarajpet in south Bangalore on a mission of mercy.

Sr. Anastasie and Sr. Felix were "sent on mission for women and poor" to start a convent, a school and a dispensary. St Mary's Convent was duly set up, is celebrating its centenary year now with a public programme scheduled on Friday.

The institutions they set up have thrived over the years including St Teresa's which began as a school with seven students, today has over 4,000 girls studying from primary school to college.

The school and dispensary on the convent premises, not in the Cantonment area where missionary activity was concentrated, but in the old *pete* area — was unusual. "It was the initiative of a missionary, Fr Briand, to start the convent here because he felt there was a special need to empower the poor women in this area," says Sr. Jessy Merlin of the convent.

Sr. Annie George, who has been with the Order since 1967, says that Fr. Briand used his share of the property back in France to buy the land on which the convent and the school stand today.

The early years were not easy for the two sisters since they did not speak the local language. They learnt Kannada by night and slowly gained acceptance in the community, and eventually could even teach the language," says Sr Annie George. The French and local nuns lived separately in early years, but this practice was later shunned.

The library in the convent at Chamarajpet does not have many documents dating back to the turn of the 20th century that describe the activity of the area since the archives are at the headquarters in France.

But the nearly 1,500 old photographs put together by Sr. Regina Lilly say much about those times. One of the striking black-and-whites shows French nuns in the company of local students, with the blackboard in the background declaring "bahala upakara" (Kannada translation of the French phrase "merci beaucoup")

(Clockwise from top left) Sr. Anastasie and Sr. Felix with a group of students. students of St. Teresa's school on their way to a public exam at the convent; a nun teaching Kannada to students, and St. Mary's convent is all set for the centenary celebrations
– PHOTOS: BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND V. SREENIVASA MURTHY

A 'colourful' analogy

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is known for his witticisms. Every time he makes a public speech, he peppers it with anecdotes. On Thursday too, he did not disappoint during his speech after inaugurating the Peenya satellite bus station. Pointing out that earlier there were more people sitting atop the bus than inside, he said that it was fortunate that this was rare these days. Stating that most buses in his time were red, he said the buses today were in Eastman Colour, leaving the audience in splits.

REPORTER'S DIARY

More than they bargained for

Covering protests is part of a reporter's job. But, reporters covering the recent protests over the State government's scrapping of the KPSC selection list for 2011 were taken aback when a group of emotional protesters tried to immolate themselves. Police tried to cordon off the area, but cameramen, desperate to get better visuals, had a bitter argument with the police. When the kerosene was taken away from one of the protesters, he tried to strangle himself with the cable of a camera belonging to an electronic media channel. Police rushed to him and stopped him. Shocked by the turn of events, the cameramen beat a hasty retreat. A senior police official on the spot, said he had never seen mediapersons move away that fast. He said that while focussing on their jobs, mediapersons often did not appreciate the concerns of policemen on the spot.

Chitra V. Ramani
K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj

Court hurdle for *Power Star*

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Puneeth Rajkumar starrer *Power Star* which was slated for an August 28 release, hit a road-block on Thursday after a city civil court issued a stay order on its title.

The order was issued after one Surya approached the court recently claiming that he had registered the title 'Power' with the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce a year ago and Puneeth Rajkumar's film had a similar title. *Power Star* director Madesha told *The Hindu* that the film was given the title by the KFCC. He said the film would release as scheduled.

Waste management programme to be held on Sunday

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: 'Hasiru Santhe,' a waste management awareness programme, will be held on Sunday at Vidyaranyapura NTI playground. Organised under the leadership of Minister of State for Agriculture Krishna Byre Gowda, the event will include sessions on waste management, talks by noted environmentalist Yellappa Reddy and freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy.

Meenakshi Krishna Byre Gowda told pressepersons that over 50 stalls would display and demonstrate recycling of waste, eco-friendly Ganesh idols, seed ball making and so on. Participants would be educated on garbage segregation, rainwater harvesting, water conservation, recycling of e-waste, dry waste, and old clothes. Resident welfare associations and schoolchildren will be involved in the programme.

Kannada Okkoota wants road named after Kareem Khan

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Kannada Okkoota-Karnataka has urged the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to name the 100-ft Road in Indiranagar after folk scholar S.K Kareem Khan.

Condemning the alleged negligence of the civic body in naming the road after the scholar, the okkoota has planned to stage a protest outside the BBMP's head office on August 25.

'BMP decided in 2006'

Okkoota president and Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha leader Vatal Nagaraj told pressepersons here on Wednesday that in 2006 the erstwhile Bangalore Mahanagara Palike had decided to name the road after Kareem Khan in recognition of his contribution to the field of folk art and folk literature.

BANGALORE TODAY

Brahmastura Bhashya: Discourse by Manumathabhatta Gamaka Vidwan No 6 APK Road Block Thyagarajanagar 6.30 p.m.

Mankuthimmana Kagga and Bhagavad Gita: Discourse by Jnanaprabha Seva Institute of Rashtrotthana Bhavanagudi Road Basavanagudi Colony 6.30 p.m.

Bhagavad Gita Chapter 7: Discourse by Swami Adhyananda Rama Mandira 9th Cross East Park Road Maleswaram 6.30 p.m.

Swaramurthy V.N. Memorial Trust: Veeresha Bedagu musical programme organised in memory of Veeresha Veerareddy Bhadravaj Raman 5 p.m., vocal recital by T.S. Satyavathi. Bangalore Gayana Samaja K.R Road, 6.15 p.m.

Karnataka Janapada Academy and Department of Kannada and Culture: Folklore Day Minister for Kannada and Culture Umashree inaugurates. Principal Secretary, Department of Kannada and Culture Shalini Rajneesh, Chief Guest Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekara Kambara participate. Kalagrama, Bangalore University premises, Malathahalli, 10 a.m.

Sri Satya Sai Seva Organisations: Devotional music by Vidya Balaji and party. Bhajans by Kalpagiri Vidyalaya children. Whitefield, 4 p.m.

Nirbheeti: Awareness on women safety through street play. BMP Safety Cell, 11 a.m.

National Gallery of Modern Art: Film Lecture 'Cinematograph' by Chidananda Dasgupta. Play 'Hasi Rashtrapathi Kheer' and Dasara Padagalu by Ramakrishna Hegde and Dept. of Kannada, Bangalore University, Palace Road, 5.30 p.m.

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat: Exhibition of paintings by Rita Kumar, Kumarakrupa Road, 11 a.m.

Karnataka Small Scale Industries' Association and MM Activ Sci-Tech Communications: AgroVision 2015 Minister of State for Agriculture Krishna Byre Gowda, chief guest Hall No. 1 and 2, first floor, Lalit Ashok, Kumarakrupa Road, High Grounds, 7.30 p.m.

Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine: 54th annual conference, Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine, Air Chief Marshal PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chief of Air Staff and Chairman of Staff Committee Arup Raha inaugurates, Subroto Mukherji Oration by Prabhat Kumar, Director-General of Civil Aviation, Institute of Aerospace Medicine, near HAL Airport, Vimanapura, opposite HAL bus stop, 2.15 p.m.

Kannada Sahitya Parishat: Function to honour 2013-14 Pravesha, Kava, Jaana, Ratna and epigraphy examination rank-holders and top scorers in SSLC and PU Kannada-medium, Sri Krishnaraja Panshadmandira, Chamarajpet, 9.30 a.m.

Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore: Talk on 'Corporate Fraud – pharmaceutical industry lessons for India' by Dinesh Thakur, executive chairman of Medassure Compliance Corporation, U.S., IIMB premises, Bannerghatta Road, 5 p.m.

Centre for Contemporary Studies, IISc.: Talk on 'Niche cinema: negotiating identities of the urban middle classes' by Brijarma Roy, CCS Seminar Hall, IISc. campus, 4 p.m.

Institution of Engineers (India) Karnataka State Centre: 30th national convention of environmental engineers and national seminar on 'Fostering partnerships for green growth: key to inclusive, safe, secure and Economic change' Bangalore, P.J. Dilip Kumar inaugurates, Institution of Engineers (India) Karnataka State Centre, No. 3 Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, 9 a.m.

Organisers: Garment Technology Expo, Dr. Prabhakar Kore Convention Centre, opposite Peenya Metro Station, Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur, 10 a.m.

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UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE ON ALLOWING EXTRA TIME TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CATEGORY CANDIDATES APPEARING IN CIVIL SERVICES (PRELIMINARY) EXAMINATION, 2014

In compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P (C) 3919/2014 - Sambhavna Versus Union of India and others dated 19.08.2014, all the Visually Impaired Category candidates appearing in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2014 to be conducted by the Union Public Service Commission on 24.08.2014 (Sunday), will be allowed an extra time of 20 minutes per hour for both Paper-I and Paper-II of this Examination. Thus, the Visually Impaired Category candidates will be allowed an extra time of 40 minutes for Paper-I and also an extra time of 40 minutes for Paper-II of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2014, which will be over and above the duration of 2 hours per paper applicable to all other candidates.

Sd/- (Malay Mukhopadhyay)
Deputy Secretary (Exam)
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE

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PETITIONER COMPANY

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE HEARING OF PETITION

Notice is hereby given that a petition presented by the petitioner to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore, on the 28th day of July 2014, for confirming the reduction of the paid up share capital of the above Company be reduced from Rs. 346,972,200/- divided into 3,466,722 equity shares of Rs.100/- each to Rs. 7,667,500 divided into 76,675 equity shares of Rs.100/- each by a sum of Rs. 339,004,700/- by adjustment and set off of the debit balance in the Profit and Loss Account of the Company and also the Securities Premium Account be reduced by a sum of Rs. 450,771,928/- from Rs. 450,772,000/- to Rs.72/- by adjustment and setoff of the said amount against the debit balance in the Profit and Loss Account after adjustment of Rs. 339,004,700/- of the paid-up equity share capital, against the debit balance in the Profit and Loss account of the Company, will be heard before the Court on the 18th day of September 2014.

Dated 14-08-2014 Place Bangalore

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PRESS NOTE ON AMENDMENT OF SCHEME OF CIVIL SERVICES (PRELIMINARY) EXAMINATION, 2014

As per decision taken by the Government of India, certain amendments have been made vide an Extra-Ordinary Gazette Notification No. 202 dated 16.08.2014, in the Rules of Civil Services Examination, 2014 notified earlier on 31.5.2014.

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a) **Both Paper-I and Paper-II** of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2014 to be conducted on 24.8.2014 **will be of two hours duration each.**

b) The questions on English Language Comprehension skills (of Class X level) contained in each set of Test Booklets of Paper-II are not to be attempted as these questions shall not be evaluated for gradation or merit. The Candidates are, therefore, advised **not to attempt questions on English Language Comprehension skills for which Hindi translation has not been given in the respective Test Booklets of Paper-II.**

c) The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2014, shall thus comprise of two compulsory papers of which Paper-I will be of **200 marks and Paper II will be of 200 marks minus the maximum marks allocated to the questions on English Language Comprehension skills.**

d) Final merit for qualifying the candidates for the Civil Services (Main) Written Examination will be drawn by using the aggregate marks obtained in **Paper-I** out of **200 marks** and marks obtained in **Paper-II** out of **200 marks minus the maximum marks allocated to the questions on English Language Comprehension skills (i.e. those questions in Paper-II for which Hindi translation has not been given).**

Sd/- (Malay Mukhopadhyay)
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SHORT TERM 'E' PROCUREMENT NOTIFICATION

The Managing Director, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation Bangalore has invited e-procurement from the Registered Electrical Contractors of KPWD/CPWD. The eligible contractors may submit e-procurement for providing internal, external electrification and providing street lighting facilities to newly constructed warehouse at Ranebennur. The website address is **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The details of the Schedule-'B' is available in the above website. The EMD and Tender processing charges is to be furnished online while submitting tenders. The last date for receipt of e-Procurement is on **12-09-2014 upto 4.30 pm.** The opening of Technical Bid is on **15-09-2014 at 4.30 pm.**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the under signed during working hours and also at website **'www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in'**

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The choice of location for the convent – not in the Cantonment area where missionary activity was concentrated, but in the old *pete* area – was unusual. "It was the initiative of a missionary, Fr. Briand, to start the convent here because he felt there was a special need [illegible] poor women [illegible] area," says Sr Jessy Mariam of the convent.

Sr Annie George, who has been with the Order since 1967, says that Fr Briand used his share of the property back in France to buy the land on which the convent and the school stand today.

The early years were not easy for the two sisters since they did not speak the local language. They learnt Kannada by night and slowly gained acceptance in the community and eventually could even teach the language," says Sr Annie George. The French and local nuns lived separately in early years, but this practice was later shunned.

The library in the convent at Chamarajpet does not have many documents dating back to the turn of the 20th century that describe the activity of the area since the archives are at the headquarters in France.

But the nearly 1,500 old photographs put together by Sr. Regina Lilly say much about those times. One of the striking black-and-whites shows French nuns in the company of local students, with the blackboard in the background declaring "bahala upakara" (Kannada translation of the French phrase "merci beaucoup")

(Clockwise from top left) Sr. Anastasie and Sr. Felix with a group of students; students of St. Teresa's school on their way to a public exam at the convent; a nun teaching Kannada to students, and St. Mary's convent is all set for the centenary celebrations.

– PHOTOS: BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND V. SREENIVASA MURTHY

A 'colourful' analogy

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is known for his witticisms. Every time he makes a public speech, he peppers it with anecdotes. On Thursday too, he did not disappoint during his speech after inaugurating the Peenya satellite bus station. Pointing out that earlier there were more people sitting atop the bus than inside, he said that it was fortunate that this was rare these days. Stating that most buses in his time were red, he said the buses today were in Eastman Colour, leaving the audience in splits.

REPORTER'S DIARY

More than they bargained for

Covering protests is part of a reporter's job. But, reporters covering the recent protests over the State government's scrapping of the KPSC selection list for 2011 were taken aback when a group of emotional protesters tried to immolate themselves. Police tried to cordon off the area, but cameramen, desperate to get better visuals, had a bitter argument with the police. When the kerosene was taken away from one of the protesters, he tried to strangle himself with the cable of a camera belonging to an electronic media channel. Police rushed to him and stopped him. Shocked by the turn of events, the cameramen beat a hasty retreat. A senior police official on the spot, said he had never seen mediapersons move away that fast. He said that while focussing on their jobs, mediapersons often did not appreciate the concerns of policemen on the spot.

Chitra V. Ramani
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Court hurdle for *Power Star*

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Puneeth Rajkumar starrer *Power Star* which was slated for an August 28 release, hit a roadblock on Thursday after a city civil court issued a stay order on its title.

The order was issued after one Surya approached the court recently claiming that he had registered the title *Power* with the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce a year ago and Puneeth Rajkumar's film had a similar title. *Power Star* director Madesha told *The Hindu* that the film was given the title by the KFCC. He said the film would release as scheduled.

Waste management programme to be held on Sunday

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: 'Hasiru Santhe,' a waste management awareness programme, will be held on Sunday at Vidyaranyapura NTI playground. Organised under the leadership of Minister of State for Agriculture Krishna Byre Gowda, the event will include sessions on waste management, talks by noted environmentalist Yellappa Reddy and freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy.

Meenakshi Krishna Byre Gowda told presspersons that over 50 stalls would display and demonstrate recycling of waste, eco-friendly Ganesh idols, seed ball making and so on. Participants would be educated on garbage segregation, rainwater harvesting, water conservation, recycling of e-waste, dry waste and old clothes. Resident welfare associations and schoolchildren will be involved in the programme.

Kannada Okkoota wants road named after Kareem Khan

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Kannada Okkoota-Karnataka has urged the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to name the 100-ft Road in Indiranagar after folk scholar S K Kareem Khan.

Condemning the alleged negligence of the civic body in naming the road after the scholar, the okkoota has planned to stage a protest outside the BBMP's head office on August 25.

'BMP decided in 2006'

Okkoota president and Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha leader Vatal Nagaraj told presspersons here on Wednesday that in 2006 the erstwhile Bangalore Mahanagara Palike had decided to name the road after Kareem Khan in recognition of his contribution to the field of folk art and folk literature.

BANGALORE TODAY

Brahmastura Bhashya: Discourse by Mahaprabhatta Jnayaka, No. 68, New No. 6 APK Road, II Block, Thyagarajanagar 9.30 a.m.

Manikuthimmana Kagga and Bhagavad Gita: Discourse by Gururaj Karaki, Gokula Institute of Public Affairs, Banashankari Road Narasimharaja Colony, 6.10 p.m.

Bhagavad Gita Chapter 7: Discourse by Swami Adhyatmananda Saraswati, Maruthi Temple, 4th Cross, East Park Road, Malleswaram, 6.30 p.m.

Swaramurthy V.N. Memorial Trust: Veeneya Bedagu, musical festival in memory of Veena [illegible] Veena Nanjundaiah, Bhavabodha Ramakrishna Seva Samsthe, K.R. Road, [illegible]

Karnataka Janapada Academy and Department of Kannada and Culture: Award Presentation Day Ceremony for Karnataka and Culture Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy, Principal Secretary, Department of Kannada and Culture Parameshi chief guest, Vedanthaya Ramakrishna Hegde participate, Kuvempu University premises, Malalthahalli, 10 a.m.

Sri Satya Sai Seva Organisations: Devotional music with [illegible] Sitaram and party, Ravindrakala Kalakshetra, Whitefield, 6 p.m.

Nirbheeti: Awareness on women safety through street play, BBMP Central Office, 10 a.m.

National Gallery of Modern Art: Film festival screening of "Ankur" by Shyam Benegal, "Garam Hawa" by M.S. Sathyu, Kheer and Desi Kahani, NGMA auditorium, Palace Road, 3 p.m.

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishad: Exhibition of paintings by Raju [illegible], Chitrakala Parishad premises, Kumarakrupa Road, 11 a.m.

Karnataka Small Scale Industries' Association and MM Activ Sci-Tech Communications: AgroVision 2015, Minister of State for Agriculture Krishna Byre Gowda, chief guest, Hall No. 1 and 2, first floor, Lalit Ashok, Kumarakrupa Road, High Grounds, 7.30 p.m.

Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine: 54th annual conference of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine, Air Chief Marshal PVSM AVSM, VM, ADC, Chief of Air Staff and Chairman of Staff Committee, Anup Raha, inaugurates, Subroto Mukherji Oration by Prabhat Kumar, Director-General of Civil Aviation, Institute of Aerospace Medicine, near HAL Airport, Vimanapura, opposite HAL bus stop, 2.15 p.m.

Kannada Sahitya Parishat: Funchon to honour 2013-14 Pravesha Kavi, Jaana Ratna and epigraphy examination rank-holders and top scorers in SSLC and PU Kannada-medium, Sri Krishnaraja Panshadmandira, Chamarajpet, 9.30 a.m.

Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore: Talk on 'Corporate Fraud – pharmaceutical industry lessons for India' by Dinesh Thakur, executive chairman of Medassure Compliance Corporation, U.S., IIMB premises, Bannerghatta Road, 5 p.m.

Centre for Contemporary Studies, IISc.: Talk on 'Niche cinema, negotiating identities of the urban middle classes' by Sparna Roy, CCS Seminar Hall, IISc campus, 4 p.m.

Institution of Engineers (India) Karnataka State Centre: 30th national convention of environmental engineers and national seminar on 'Fostering greenovations for green growth', senior fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, P.J. Dilip Kumar inaugurates, Institution of Engineers (India), Karnataka State Centre, No. 3, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, 9 a.m.

Organisers: Garment Technology Expo, Dr. Prabhakar Kore Convention Centre, opposite Peenya Metro Station, Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur, 10 a.m.

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IN THE MATTER OF AEG POWER SOLUTIONS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED (PRESENTLY KNOWN AS TMEIC POWER ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED) COMPANY PETITION NO.187 OF 2014

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PETITIONER COMPANY

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE HEARING OF PETITION

Notice is hereby given that a petition presented by the petitioner to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore, on the 28th day of July 2014, for confirming the reduction of the paid up share capital of the above Company be reduced from Rs. 346,672,200/- divided into 3,466,722 equity shares of Rs.100/- each to Rs. 7,667,500/- divided into 76,675 equity shares of Rs.100/- each by a sum of Rs. 339,004,700/- by adjustment and set off of the debit balance in the Profit and Loss Account of the Company and also the Securities Premium Account be reduced by a sum of Rs. 450,772,020/- from Rs. 450,772,020/- to Rs.72/- by adjustment and setoff of the said amount against the debit balance in the Profit and Loss Account after adjustment of Rs. 339,004,700/- of the paid up equity share capital, against the debit balance in the Profit and Loss account of the Company, will be heard before the Court on the 18th day of September 2014.

Dated 14.08.2014 Place Bangalore

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UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE ON ALLOWING EXTRA TIME TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CATEGORY CANDIDATES APPEARING IN CIVIL SERVICES (PRELIMINARY) EXAMINATION, 2014

In compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P (C) 3919/2014 - Sambhavna Versus Union of India and others dated 19.08.2014, *all the Visually* Impaired Category candidates appearing in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2014 to be conducted by the Union Public Service Commission on 24.08.2014 (Sunday), will be allowed an extra time of 20 minutes per hour for both Paper-I and Paper-II of this Examination. Thus, the Visually Impaired Category candidates will be allowed an extra time of 40 minutes for Paper-I and also an extra time of 40 minutes for Paper-II of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2014, which will be over and above the duration of 2 hours per paper applicable to all other candidates.

sd- (Malay Mukhopadhyay)
Deputy Secretary (Exam)
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PRESS NOTE ON AMENDMENT OF SCHEME OF CIVIL SERVICES (PRELIMINARY) EXAMINATION, 2014

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Further details can be obtained from the office of the under signed during working hours and also at website **'www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in'**

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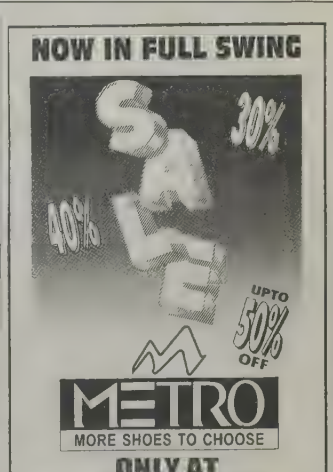

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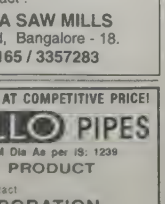

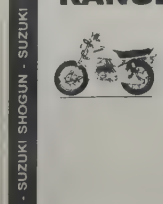

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Muniyamma said examinations for the two subjects which the students had boycotted would be held later, if necessary. She said the university had sent out circulars to engineering colleges to conduct examinations by Sept 30, but none of the colleges informed the university that they had not completed the syllabus and suggested postponement of examination

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Ghorpade pooh-poohs Patel's claim on quota

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bellary, Jan 15: Former Rural Development Minister M Y Ghorpade, MLA, ridiculed the claim of Chief Minister J H Patel that it was the Janata Dal Government that made adequate reservations for backward classes in the State.

Addressing mediapersons at Sandur on Wednesday, Ghorpade said it was he as the Rural Development Minister in Congress Government, who provided reservation to backward classes and women, and it was during his tenure that the gram panchayat elections were held on the basis of reservation.

HUNG PARLIAMENT: Ghorpade felt there would be hung Parliament even this time. He said, the Congress, instead of extending unconditional support to other parties, must discuss with parties with similar ideologies in forming the Government at Centre.

Describing the Bharatiya Janata Party as an "opportunistic party", he said the latter's alliance with regional parties was with the sole aim of coming to power. "BJP had thrown its principles to the wind long ago and coming to power is its only aim."

He said Lok Shakti supremo Ramakrishna Hegde's alliance with the BJP was only a temporary phenomenon

SONIA'S ENTRY: Ghorpade said Sonia campaigning for Congress had boosted the party's morale and doubled its strength. "Congress alone can provide a stable government, besides protecting integrity and unity of the country

He hoped that Sonia's maiden election speech at Bellary would define the issues before voters. "She entered politics at a stage when the foundations of democracy were shaken by politicians were fighting for individuality in India," he added

Commenting on the remarks made by a section of Congressmen that Sonia's election campaign was taken over as All India Congress Committee President, he said "Time and again it has been certain Congressmen including Party President Sitaram Kesari, have referred to former Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao's contribution to the party and country," he said

LS poll: BSP to field candidate from Hassan

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Hassan, Jan 15: The Bahujan Samaj party (BSP) district unit has decided to field a candidate from Hassan parliamentary constituency this time, State committee leader Sridhar Kaliveer said, addressing a district level workers' meet

We are hoping to get clearance from national president Kanshi Ram, he added.

Sridhar said BSP will spread its influence and increase its presence at all States and the Centre beginning with the parliamentary elections.

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District General Secretary B Narayana Das said the district unit has decided to field a "gentleman candidate" from backward, minority or Scheduled Caste/Tribe community.

He asked the 2.5 lakh Scheduled Caste/Tribes, two lakh backward and one lakh Muslims and other minorities to exercise their franchise in favour of the BSP candidate.

K S Rame Gowda, district unit president, K Erappa, secretary, Mahalingappa, a Madivala community member, Mohammed Khasim, a Muslim leader, organising secretary G Ramu spoke.

Mahadeva Athni, district convenor of Karnataka Dalit Sangarsha Samithi, requested all Dalits to come together for the success of the BSP candidate

Sridhar Kaliveer had recently said that Kanshi Ram will be the next Prime Minister.

KPSS REQUEST: Karnataka SC/ST Sanghatana Samithi (KPSS) district president Nidugarahalli Siddhappa has requested KPSS State president Kumar Kaliveer to contest from Hassan as an Independent candidate.

Nataka Academy to organise natakotsava

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Davangere, Jan 15: The State Nataka Akademy has decided to conduct District Natakotsava, Ranga Sangeetha and a seminar on stage art in all districts of the State this year, Academy president K Marulasiddappa said yesterday

Addressing mediapersons, Marula Siddappa said the three-tier programme is aimed at identifying local talents and to create awareness about theatre among people

The Akademy in association with Kannada Book Authority, has also decided to bring out the biography of noted stage artiste and writer B Puttu Swamiah and a collection of seven plays of famous writers in Kannada

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LS poll is not a referendum on Govt: Prakash

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Bellary, Jan 15: "I don't think this Lok Sabha election is going to be a referendum on the J H Patel Government," Rural Development Minister M P Prakash said, in an exclusive interview with *The Indian Express* on Wednesday

Prakash, who is also the national executive member of the Janata Dal, said the issues are totally different. "However, we will be hurt if the results are adverse. Certainly, we will win "hands down" and the results of local-self Government are a prelude for the similar result in the Lok Sabha

Prakash said though the Janata Dal was split in Bihar and Orissa, it had had the leadership material to shoulder responsibility. "That is the capacity of the United Front."

On Ramakrishna Hegde's alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party, Prakash said: "Hegde deciding to join hands with a party which he had hitherto criticised as communal, is most unfortunate. He had made several attempts and succeeded in bringing all the divided groups under the banner of Janata Dal to defeat both the Congress and the BJP."

Prakash said many of Hegde's followers, especially the minorities and backward classes, were dissappointed with Lok Shakti-BJP pact and "the symptoms are already showing".

NO IMPACT ON DAL: Prakash said the Lok Shakti-BJP combine will have no impact on the Janata Dal in the State in the Lok Sabha elections. "The decision has come a bit late and will not have desired effect on the political scenario. I am of the opinion that the fight will be between Dal and Congress."

BOOST TO CONG: On Sonia campaigning for the Congress party, Prakash said her entry may have boosted the morale of some Congressmen who never wanted to show the old face of Sitaram Kesri.

After all, the election results are not decided by entry of an individual but on the issues and the clout of a particular party, he added.

"No doubt Sonia is a new face and I do not want to criticise her. But how can she campaign for a party which is full of corrupt leaders and some of whom were facing court trials," Prakash asked.

The Sonia Gandhi aspect will not tilt the results of the election, but may only give a fillip to a demoralised party, he added.

HUNG HOUSE: Prakash said the Lok Sabha election had been so suddenly imposed on the people "because of the unreliable attitude of the Congress, that no political party was 'mentally and materially' prepared to face the elections.

"The events overtook political parties. Therefore, there is a possibility of a hung Parliament and it is too early to predict landslide victory for any political party."

He however, said the United Front will emerge with a slight margin because there were eight chief ministers behind it

Prakash said coalition government was not a new experiment. In fact this is a "transition period". This has been done in many countries of the world. The compulsions and situations and need to maintain the integrity and sovereignty of the nation political parties will come together on a minimum need based programme to rule.

Prakash said he agreed with former Prime Minister Chandrashekar that political parties should not form a Government for the sake of forming one but to give a good governance on a common minimum programme for the welfare of the people.

Poverty drives family into suicide pact

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Bangalore, Jan 15: Unable to bear the hardship of poverty, a family entered into a suicide pact on Tuesday night and consumed pesticide in their house at Rajajopalnagar

While the parents died, their two children were rescued by the neighbours and admitted to hospital for treatment

The deceased are Krishna Murthy, (60), and his wife Leelavathi, (50)

Their children Sujatha, (25) and Ramesh, (24), are being treated at M S Ramaiah Medica

In strange coincidence Gowda, Jalappa meet friends in adjacent houses

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Bangalore, Jan 15: Politically, it was a strange coincidence. Former Prime Minister Deve Gowda held a meeting of his party leaders at Chief Minister J H Patel's private residence, 'Punya' at the Dollors Colony on Wednesday night; in the adjacent house that belonged to R L Jalappa, Union Textile Minister, a meeting of his followers was held around the same time

The spokespersons for both meetings claimed that nothing significant was discussed State JD president Shankar said that at 'Punya', the discussion was limited to JD's campaign and change in JD leaders' tour programme in view of the launching of United Front's election campaign at Hyderabad on Jan 18 which will be attended by Patel and Deve Gowda.

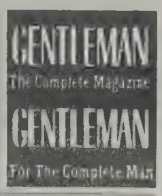
He said that the list of party candidates will be discussed at Delhi and the party's national executive will announce the final list

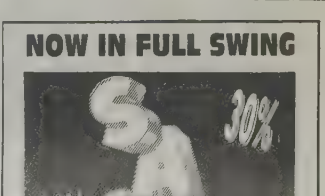
He said the issue of a few ministers in Patel's Cabinet leaving the party to join Lok Shakthi or Congress did not figure at the meeting at, 'Punya'.

A spokesperson for Jalappa camp said that Kodandaramaiah who left JD on Wednesday was among the those who attended the conclave at Jalappa 's residence.

He said that those who had expressed anger against Deve Gowda style of running the JD party attended the meeting but no official decision on quitting the party can be made immediately.

Kodandaramaiah at a press conference earlier where he announced his decision to quit the JD, had hinted that the anger against Deve Gowda in the JD camp was so much that a few State ministers might announce their decision to quit the party on Wednesday itself.





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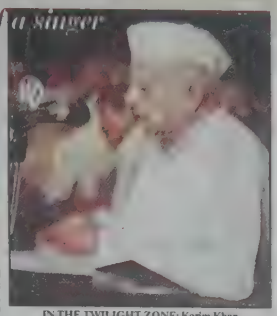

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Initial reports on the film suggest that the comic hero once again has his fans rolling in the aisles at his antics. Great going, Chi Chi!

The arc lights will have to wait till former superstar decides to oblige. We've heard she's waiting for hubby **Boney's** next venture for what should be a glorious return. And why not? It's always better to launch attack off home ground. That way one's assured of immediate shelter should there be a backfire.

We're going to keep our ears to the ground for further activity on this front. Relax. If hubby **Boney** will let her, that is!

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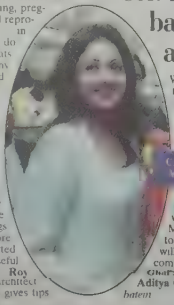

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'MUM' IS THE WORLD

We all know the importance of mothers in the careers of film stars. Here are some Bollywood stars with their mothers

Clockwise from top: Sushmita Sen, Tara Deshpande; and Shilpa Shetty and mother flanked by Aishwarya Rai and Priya Gill.

What is he reading?

Aryan Vaid: Graviera Mr India

Is extremely fond of reading — essentially non-fiction. Reads a lot of philosophy, though he would not recommend it as a "must read". **Schoel Paller's** *Studies In Pessimism*, a book on the futility of life is a book he thoroughly enjoyed.

Is presently reading **Robert Pirzig's** *Zen And The Art of Motor Cycle Maintenance.* "I've read this book before and I really liked it. It's about a man travelling across the States on a bike, of the experiences he has and how he relates to them on a psychological level."

Is also reading Osho's *Book of Secrets* at the moment. "The book is about Osho's thoughts pertaining to modern day society."

Ayn Rand, Mario Puzo and **John Grisham** are amongst his favourite authors. He found *Godfather* "amazing because within the parameters of fiction, the author explores psychology really well."

The blurb on the backcover helps him decide which books to read. In case of non-fiction books, he goes through the index.

His favourite time of reading? "Thriller books, I read anytime. But philosophy and the like, I like to read before sleeping because that's when I'm really ready to absorb what I'm reading," he says.

The lonely journey of a singer

He is in his late '90s, a bit hard of hearing, vision in one eye is weak, and after a fall resulting in his femur bone fracture a few years ago, he can't move about easily. But his spirit is still simmering. His voice, that held many Kannadigas in its spell decades ago, still has that magic. Get him to talk on any of the areas he has dabbled in — freedom struggle, folklore, literature and films — ideas and anecdotes emanate from him putting you into a trance.

That is Karim Khan, largely remembered for his lilting lyrics — especially those which invoke Hindu gods — from old films, while his services during India's freedom struggle, Karnataka unification, and his work toward promotion of Kannada and folklore, have mostly remained unknown to the masses.

Born in Sakaleshpura, Karim Khan could just about reach high school level. But he found great solace reading reams of books. One of his teachers, Narayana Shastri, was a great influence on him. He studied Sanskrit under him. The fact that he was the son of a soldier from Afghanistan who revolted against the British and migrated to South India, was never a hindering factor. Following Gandhiji's call he plunged into freedom movement, served jail term several times. After Independence, it was another struggle altogether. He toiled to get the then Congress leaders elected, and saw them change colour. "Along with the changes that swept the country after Independence, the leaders also changed," says Karim Khan wistfully. But he stood by his principles. He did not even bother to get his freedom fighter's honorarium, because for that he had to get signatures of two persons who were in jail with him.

He opted out of politics and diverted his attention toward more important tasks of the time like unification of Karnataka and promotion of Kannada in its land. He travelled across Karnataka awakening people with his songs which he wrote, set to tune and sang soulfully. On the way, he collected material on folk literature, art and culture.

In between he worked as a journalist in Udupi, Dharwad and Mysore, and kept himself busy writing novels and plays. *Balidani Husaini, Neevara* and *Neehara* — a collection of short stories depicting communal harmony — are some of his works. His plays include *Magadi Kempe Gowda, Bengaluru Kempe Gowda, Nirdoshi* and *Madhu Mohan*. He also translated Bhavabhuti's Sanskrit play *Malati-Madhava* into Kannada. *Laila Majnu* is another of his translated works.

His prolific pen attracted the attention of filmmaker D.R. Naidu of the famous Shyamaprasad Movies. Commissioned Karim Khan to write for his films. For 10 years Karim Khan stayed in Madras and wrote stones, dialogues and lyrics for *Swarna Gouri, Jeevana Taranga, Bevu Bella, Deva Manava, Chandrakumara* and *Dombara Krishna*, out of which *Swarna Gouri* won the National Award.

Very recently, he has written several songs in praise of Kolluru Mookambika and Dharmasthala Manjunatha which have been brought out in the form of cassettes. Ask Karim Khan how he could root himself in Hindu ethos, he says, "It's all in the mind, if in your mind you believe in something, then it just comes out."

His work in the field of folklore earned him the opposition of the chairman of Janapada Akademi. In his three-year tenure, he did all he could to preserve and promote folklore. He documented the lifestyles of 20 tribes across Karnataka on video, and also recorded some of the folk dance forms for posterity.

The state government was prompted to confer the first Janapada Shri award on him. He was honoured, along with Shivaram Karanth, with Nadoja award. The Gulbarga University conferred him with honorary doctorate for his literary contributions, and the Rajyotsava Award and Lifetime Achievement Award followed.

All these years, Karim Khan mostly lived in hotel rooms, [illegible] He regrets not having children, but [illegible] ready to share his experiences with them.

Malati Kalappa

IN THE TWILIGHT ZONE: Karim Khan

A pet site

on raising pond fish.

There are profiles of bird expert **Sharad Sane** and royal animal lover **Ahmed Alam Khan** of Hyderabad. It indeed is a colourful world out there to be discovered. Published from Mumbai by **Dr Elizabeth Agundgi**, the magazine makes you wait for the next issue.

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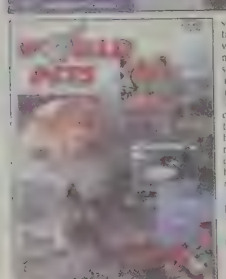

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Dowry harassment case against magistrate

BANGALORE: A magistrate of Hassan district was in the news for the wrong reasons. His wife has accused him of harassing her for dowry. A case of dowry harassment has been booked against the magistrate at Srinivasapura According to a complaint lodged by Mridula, her husband, Vijay Kumar, Junior Magistrate First Class (JMFC and Civil Judge Junior Division), had been harassing her for more dowry. The complaint has been lodged under Section 498 A and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prevention Act. A case has been registered
Staff Reporter

SWR's Bangalore division's silver jubilee

BANGALORE: The Bangalore division of South Western Railway has completed 25 years. Divisional Railway Manager Mahesh Mangal, who inaugurated a programme to mark the crossing of the milestone on Thursday, extended his greetings to the staff of the division
The division was carved out from the then Madras and Mysore divisions
When it was formed, the division had broad-gauge lines only from Bangalore to Jolarpettai and from Bangarpet to Marikuppam Mr Mangal recalled
Now all the lines had been converted to broad-gauge, he added. – Staff Reporter

Bus drivers, conductors to be recruited

BANGALORE: The Government will recruit 11,440 drivers and conductors for the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, the North West KRTC and the North East KRTC. Minister for Transport N Cheluvaraya Swamy has said
He told pressmen here on Friday that the Government had already issued a notification for the purpose All the posts would be filled through direct recruitment, he added.
It had been decided to introduce 1,500 to 1,700 new routes in Hubli and Gulbarga regions soon, he added
– Staff Reporter

Call to suspend BJP MLC

BANGALORE: The Srivajinagar unit of the Karnataka Janata Party has demanded the immediate suspension of the party MLC 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru for publicly criticising Deputy Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and two of his Cabinet colleagues It has also sought disciplinary action against Mr Chandru, who was chairman of the party's disciplinary action committee till recently
A former councillor of the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike N Venkatalakshmaiah, in a letter to State BJP president D V. Sadananda Gowda said if Mr Chandru did not apologise and give an assurance that he would not indulge in anti-party activities, he should be
led from the party
Staff Reporter

New vehicle to transport carcasses

BANGALORE: The Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BMP) has bought a vehicle to transport carcasses in the city at a cost of about Rs 10 lakh Until now, carrying carcasses, especially bigger ones such as horses and cows, to the burial ground in Medhi grahara or the dumping yards posed a major problem
MP used their garbage vans for this purpose Whether user charges had to be levied on non-governmental organisations and private parties wanting to use the vehicle was still being worked out, said Devika, health officer (West), BMP
Staff Reporter

Eye check-up camp to be held today

BANGALORE: Jain Youth Association, Public Service Health and Charitable Trust has organised its 13th free eye check-up and operation camp on Sunday. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sri Heerabagh, 142, Sepping's Road, near Coles Park, Bharatinagar On-the-spot registration will be done from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details, call 9845057422
Staff Reporter

Trainee drivers, conductors may get more stipend

Road transport corporations serious on revision

Anil Kumar Sastry

- Training period is two years
- There are 10,000 trainees in the four corporations

BANGALORE: The four State road transport undertakings (STUs) are considering revising the stipend given to drivers and conductors during their two-year training period
The STUs – the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), the North West KRTC, the North East KRTC and the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) – employ drivers and conductors and put them through training for two years. Drivers get a stipend of Rs. 2,100 and Rs 2,500 during the first and second year respectively and conductors get Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 2,400
The trainees are eligible for a monthly incentive of Rs. 1,440 if the average daily revenue is Rs 6,000. There are over 10,000 such trainees employed by the four STUs. After completion of training, the starting salary of a driver is Rs. 8,241 and that of a conductor is Rs. 7,851
Sources in the STUs told *The Hindu* that the corporations were not averse to revising the stipend. Acknowledging that the stipend was low, the sources said the managements of the STUs were serious about revising the stipend.

Aggrieved lot

Many trainee drivers and conductors whom *The Hindu* spoke to requested anonymity and said they were dissatisfied with the stipend amount. Some asked whether it was possible to lead a decent life in a city like Bangalore with around Rs. 3,000 a month.
At the same time, they were happy that they had got a secure job. They were concerned about the initial two-year training period.

Facilities offered

The STUs pointed out that they offered various facilities to all employees, including trainees. The facilities included Rs 3 lakh insurance in case an employee died, subsidised canteen, dormitory at the depots for trainees, soft education loan of Rs. 50,000, free travel in buses and medical treatment
They also said the STUs were the only State agencies that were recruiting in large numbers whereas employment opportunities in other government agencies was minimal

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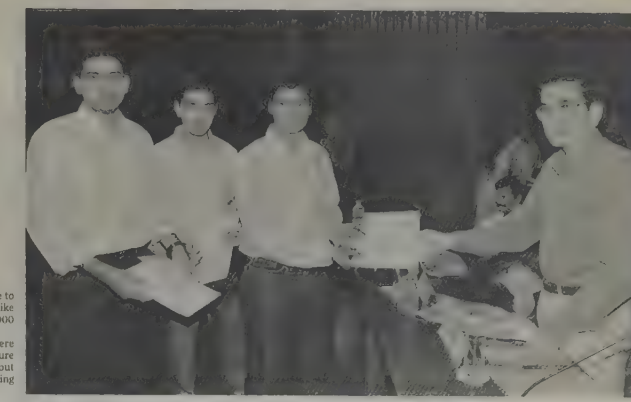

IN APPRECIATION: *Indian Institute of Science Director P. Balram handing over Motorola Scholar Awards 2005-06 to students of the K.K. Wagh Institute of Engineering, Education and Research, Nasik, (from left) Rajesh J.S., Ritesh N. Phalak and Dhiren K. Patra for their project 'Interactive videoconferencing toolkit for remote healthcare', in Bangalore on Saturday.* – PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Three students from Nasik get Motorola Scholar Award

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: A videoconferencing toolkit for remote healthcare has earned three students from Nasik the Motorola Scholar Award (first prize).
Dhiren K. Patra, Ritesh N Phalak and Rajesh J.S. from K.K Wagh Institute of Engineering, Education and Research, Nasik, bagged the award for developing a project wherein the main aim was to build a remote diagnosis tool that will work through wireless networks and help in taking specialised healthcare to people in remote areas.
The awards instituted by the Motorola Foundation and the Foundation for Advancement of Education and Research (FAER) are given to innovative projects by students to encourage experimentation in the field of communication engineering and technology. The awards were presented to the students on Saturday
The other winners of the Motorola Scholar awards were Sourabh Nirmal, Abhinav Khandelwal and Abhishek Sharma from Global Institute of Technology, Jaipur, for their project "Express Power Communication Tool" and Ajay S Nath and S. Ashwin from Sri Venkateshwara College of Engineering, Sriperumbudur for their project "Mobile Talky Text"
We want to take this further and see how we can expand the scope of our project," said the three first prize-winners. Videoconferencing for remote healthcare has vast options and we want to improve on what we have done," said Dhiren, Ritesh and Rajesh
The awards were presented by P. Balram, director, Indian Institute of Science "Of late there has been a decline in the experimental work in science and technology. More [illegible] scientists are turning to the [illegible] rather than the laboratory such programmes [illegible]
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Karim Khan passes away

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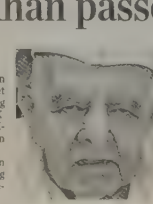

S.K. Karim Khan

BANGALORE: The nonagenarian Gandhian, Kannada folk poet and scholar and an outstanding lyricist of Kannada cinema, S.K. Karim Khan died here at a private hospital around noon on Saturday.
The Government had taken the responsibility of ensuring medical care for the ailing freedom fighter, a bachelor
Born to Abdurrahman Khan, an Afghani, and Jainabi of Saudi Arabia in Sakleshpur of Hassan district, Mr. Khan was inspired by a report published in *The Hindu* on Mahatma Gandhi's call to the country's youth to take part in the freedom movement
He became an ardent admirer of Gandhiji and a devoted himself to the Gandhian philosophy.

Served jail terms

He served seven terms in jail for the cause of Independence He was closely associated with many men of letters of yesteryear such as Bhashyam, Subramanian, K.C. Reddy, T Siddalingiah and Kengal Hanumanthaiya.
He served in the Royal Indian Navy for some time.

Awards

He won several awards, including the prestigious Nadoja, Janapada Sri, Rajyotsava Award and authored over 80 plays for professional theatre after he left politics for personal reasons
Known for his significant contribution to folk literature, Mr. Khan became a household name in the State more as a lyricist than a folk scholar. In the early 1960s he launched 'Janapada Prakashana', an exclusive publication dedicated to folk literature, art and music, copies of which he sold at 50 paise each.
Despite his foreign roots, he remained a true Kannadiga on various counts, especially in employing folk language for his creative ventures.
Well-versed in the culture of the State and philosophical tenets and mythological significance of the land, he wrote stories, screenplays, dialogues and lyrics for many films, particularly mythological ones, in Kannada

Penned over 200 songs

Armed with a fine taste in literature, mythology and music Mr. Khan wrote over 200 songs, including outstanding ones such as 'Natavara Gangadhara Umashankara,' 'Vanamaali Vankunatpate,' 'Nudimana Shivaguna Sankeerthana,' 'Yee Jeevana Bevu Bella' and 'Jayagowri Jagadeeshwari' that were considered all-time classics of Indian cinema.

Gandhian's death mourned

Special Correspondent

BANGALORE: Governor T.N. Chaturvedi, Chief Minister H.D Kumaraswamy, Deputy Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and many Congress leaders have mourned the death of the veteran freedom fighter and Gandhian S K Karim Khan
Mr Chaturvedi said, "Karim Khan represented one of the last links of the folk arts with the world of today
He had participated in the freedom struggle. Himself a follower of Islam, he became famous as a writer about Hindu scriptures with his catholicity of mind and heart."
His contribution to the reorganisation of the State earned him laurels from all Many of his poems made a deep impact on the people and are even today popular in every household. He never yearned for name and fame, but they pursued him, the Governor said

His poems made a deep impact on the people, says Governor

Mr Kumaraswamy recalled the contributions of Mr. Khan to Kannada theatre and culture
A multifaceted personality, Mr. Khan had received many awards, including 'Janapada Sri,' the highest folklore award in Karnataka. His death was a great loss to the State, the Chief Minister said

Contributions lauded

Mr. Yediyurappa and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president M. Mallikarjun Kharge and Union Minister of State for Planning M.V. Rajasekharan mourned the death of Mr Khan and lauded his contribution to Kannada cinema and culture
KPCC general secretaries V.S Ugrappa, Prakash K. Rathod, M Ramachandrappa, H. Abdul Wahab, Veeranna Mattikatti and Manjunath Bhandari and secretaries Kenche Gowda and P.M. Ashok also mourned the death of Mr. Khan

'True secularist'

The State Secretariat of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) expressed its profound grief over the death of Mr Khan Mr Khan was a true secularist who advocated Hindu-Muslim unity and strove for communal harmony, said a press note
M Muniraju, Registrar, Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy, also mourned his death
Bangalore Mayor Mumtaz Begum and Deputy Mayor M Lakshminarayan have deeply condoled the death of Mr Karim Khan.
All members of the BMP Council also expressed their grief, a press release said

Road accidents high in Karnataka: report

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Karnataka has the third highest road accident rate in the country, after Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, according to a report released by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS). Stating this at a seminar here on "Road Traffic Injury Prevention in India" on Saturday, Transport Secretary D Thangaraj said another report on "Helmets and Traffic Accidents" by NIMHANS showed that 9,000 people were killed and 7,000 injured in Bangalore in 2004 owing to road traffic injuries
A study on traumatic brain injuries in 23 hospitals of 4,1091 road injury victims showed that 42 per cent of deaths and 43 per cent of injuries were sustained by motorcyclists
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■ **Neenallu Nanalle:** Prasanna 10.30 a.m., Sagar (22263180) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Vasanth (23370495) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Vaishali (23486997) 2.30 p.m., 5.30, 8.30 p.m.
■ **Nammoor Express:** Triveni (22871224) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Prasanna 4.30, 7.30 p.m.
■ **Chellata:** Ullas (23375057) 2.45 p.m., 5.45, 8.45 p.m.
■ **Nenapirali:** Uma (26611087) 10.15 a.m., Veeresh 10.30 a.m., Jogi Pushpanjali (23382210) 2.30 p.m., 6, 9 p.m.
King: Vishal 11.15 a.m.

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■ **Omkara:** Anand (25478567) 3.30 p.m., 7, 10.15 p.m., Cauvery 2.30 p.m., 6, 9.30 p.m., Innovative Multiplex 1.45, 4.30, 7.15, 10 p.m., Kamakhya (Ph: 26693555) 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.30, 9 p.m., Kapali (22262211) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Naga (25551243) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6, 9.30 p.m., Rex (25587350) 1.20 p.m., 4.10 p.m., Urvashi (22245552) 10.45 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6, 9.45 p.m., Vaishnav (Ph: 23514515) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., Inox 10.10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3.30, 6.40, 9.45 p.m., PVR Classic 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4, 7, 10 p.m., PVR Gold Class 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 7, 10 p.m.
■ **Yun Hota Toh Kya Hota** Innovative Multiplex 7.45 p.m., 10 p.m., Inox 5 p.m., 9.55 p.m., PVR Classic noon, 4.50 p.m., 9.50 p.m.
■ **Krrish:** Abhinay (22262020) 10 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 4.30, 7.45 p.m., Innovative Multiplex 3.30, 6.45 p.m., Inox 10.15 a.m., PVR Cinema Europa 11.15 a.m., 2.50 p.m., 6.25, 10 p.m.
■ **Killer:** Innovative Multiplex 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., Kailash (22261101) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Inox 10 a.m., PVR Classic 2.30, 7.20 p.m.
■ **Corporate:** Innovative Multiplex noon, Inox 6.45 p.m., PVR Classic 3.30 p.m., 9.50 p.m., PVR Gold Class 7 p.m.
■ **Dolmasi:** Innovative Multiplex 12.30 p.m., 4.45, 10 p.m., Inox 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., PVR Classic 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 10 p.m.
■ **Fanaa:** PVR Classic 12.10 p.m.

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■ **Lady In The Water:** Rex 11.1[illegible] a.m., 7 p.m., 9.30 p.m., Inox Multiplex (41100787) 10.20 a.m., 4.40 p.m., 7.30, 9.50 p.m., PVR Cinema Europa 10 a.m., 12.20 p.m., 5.15, 7.35 p.m.
■ **Pirates of Carribean:** Innovative Multiplex (25225944) 12.45, 3.45, 6.45, 10 p.m., Manjushree (22262211) 10.15 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 4.15, 7.15, 10 p.m., Symphony (26564888) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30, 10 p.m., Vasanth (23370495) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Vishwa (22262211) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Naga (25551243) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6, 9.30 p.m., Innovative Multiplex 1.45, 4.30, 7.15, 10 p.m., PVR Gold Class 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4, 7, 10 p.m.
■ **Over The Hedge:** PVR Classic 10.15 a.m.
■ **The Lake House** PVR Classic 10.05 a.m.
■ **Superman Returns:** PVR Classic 4 p.m.

TAMIL
■ **Jerry** Ananda (22262211) 10.15 p.m., Ajantha (Ph: 25478567) 10.30 a.m., Vinayaka (26609791) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Vijaya (23444144) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Sangeet (23444144) 10.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Sapna (23444144) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Sri Balaji (26564888) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., Vinayaka 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m.
■ **Uyir** Ananda (22262211) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Bhoomika (22262211) 10.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Sangeet (23444144) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Sri Balaji (26564888) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., Vinayaka 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m.
■ **Achanya** Ananda (22262211) 10.15 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 4.30, 7.45 p.m., Ajantha 10.30 a.m., Gala Ullas 11.30 a.m.

TELUGU
■ **Pokiri:** Aparna (22262211) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., PVR Cinema Europa (Ph: 25478567) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Inox 10 a.m., PVR Classic 2.30, 7.20 p.m.
■ **Corporate:** Innovative Multiplex noon, Inox 6.45 p.m., PVR Classic 3.30 p.m., 9.50 p.m., PVR Gold Class 7 p.m.
■ **Dolmasi:** Innovative Multiplex 12.30 p.m., 4.45, 10 p.m., Inox 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., PVR Classic 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 10 p.m.
■ **Fanaa:** PVR Classic 12.10 p.m.
■ **Godavari** Radhakrishna (25536050) 11.30 a.m., 2.45 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., PVR Classic 6.30 p.m.

MALAYALAM
■ **Prajapati:** Sangeet (22865098) 11.30 a.m., 2.45 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., PVR Cinema Europa 2.40 p.m.

Hearing adjourned

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: The [illegible] wealth case [illegible] mul Nadu Chief M[illegible] uthaa and four oth[illegible] ecution submitted [illegible] second accused. Sasikala N [illegible] jan, was filing an applicati[illegible] ption from pers[illegible] the cou[illegible] ring appe[illegible] the Court
Special Pu[illegible] or B V Acharya [illegible] the Speci[illegible] Court [illegible] se ner appe[illegible] the next hearing, [illegible] appearance before the Supreme Court Counsel for Ms Nataraja, who filed the application [illegible] exemption on Sa[illegible] that she had already put in [illegible] pearance and also submitted a counter. The court was told that the case in the Supreme Court was supposed to come up on July 24 but it was not listed on that day The other accused are J. Ilavarasi, T.T.V. Dinakaran and V.N Sudhagaran
Special Judge A.T. Munnoli adjourned further hearing of the case till September 2

BANGALORE TODAY

• RELIGION

Bhagavad Gita, chapter 14: Swami Sacchidananda 209/A, Shanbhag Hall, 14th Main, 50 R Road, 2nd Block Hanumanthnagar, 6 p.m
Dasavani: Mysore Ramachandra, Saralangana 195, 5th A Main, 6th Cross, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, 5 p.m
Darshan: Guru Vedavanth, Manava Seva Kendra 8/57A 1st Cross, 8th Main Sadashivanagar, 10.30 a.m
Meditation and Bhajans: Shivasiddayogi Ashram, 1/A, J.P Nagar, 3rd Phase, 6 p.m
Bhajans: Ballur Rama Bhajana Sabha, Prasanna Veeranjaneya Swamy Trust, Mahalakshmipura 9 a.m
Discourse: Purang science and spiritualism by Ranganath Bharadwaj economist and theatre person Karnataka Kendriya Sanskrit Research Centre, Deccan Paradise, 3rd Floor, 8th Main, Basaveshwaranagar, 6 p.m
Installation of idol: Sathe Shaneswara Swami Devasthana Aardathia Mandala M. Krishnappa MLC M. Laxminarayana, Deputy Mayor participate, behind Government Primary School, Maruthi Block, Srinagar, 10 a.m
Bhagavad Gita, chapter 9: Swami Abhaya Chaitanya, Geetha Gnana Yagna, Kodanada Rama Temple, Sanathana Bhakta Mandali, Vijayanagar, Chord Road (East), 6.30 p.m
Discourse: Pearls of Wisdom of Kanchi Paramacharya by Mathoor Krishnamurti, Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, 28, 5th Main, 11th Cross Malleswaram, 6.45 p.m
Bhajans: Sai Giriyali, Satya Sai Seva Kshethra, 36, 21st Main, 8th Cross, J.P Nagar 2nd Phase, 6.15 p.m

• CULTURE

Guruvayyurappan Bhajan Samaj Trust: Mandolin recital by U. Srinivas and party, Odukkathur Swamigal Math, Gangadhara Chetty Road, near Ulsoor Lake, 6 p.m
Rajamahal Vilas Sangeetha Sabha: Vocal duet by Vijayalakshmi and Chitra, and Mambalam Sisters, Raghothaman Memorial Building, Sanjayanagar, RMV 2nd Stage, 5.30 p.m
Vijaya College of Music: Ganavahini, vocal concert by Bellary K. Ramesh and party, college premises, 8th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, 4.15 p.m
Vijaya Vinayaka Temple: Music concert by Radhika Char, Manjunath Kama & Atreya, ITI layout, J.P Nagar I Phase, 6 p.m
Samarthanam Trust For The Disabled: "TVS Starts with Singers Night", a musical fund raising concert, Gayathri Vihar, Palace Grounds, 6 p.m
Gallery Sumukha: "Addressing Unreason", group show by Abhijit Gupta, Chhatrapati Dutta, Pauls Sengupta, Riddhi Narayan Nandy, Sujay Mukherjee, 24/10, BTS Depot Road, Wilson Garden, 10.30 a.m
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, South Centre: 'Sangeethamaya', Kala Bharathi, Bull Temple Service Station, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, 4 p.m
Sangeetha Krupa Kuteera: Hindustani classical music recital by M.S. Kamat Dattatreya temple, 59, 3rd Block, 6th Main, Tyagarajanagar, 5.45 p.m

• GENERAL

Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha: Annual Day celebrations, Purandara Bhavana 4th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, 4 p.m
Indian Institute of World Culture: Poetry And Morality Speech by G. Venkatasubbaiah, 6, B.P. Wadia Road, 6 p.m
Ladies Wing of Bengaloe Association: Annual Fete day, Kavita Krishnamurthi, L. Subraman participate, association premises, 1 A, Assaye Road, Ulsoor, 6 p.m
Centre For Child Development and Disabilities: Inauguration of its facilities by N. Venkatachalla, former Lokayukta, C. Chinnappa Bhavan, 8th Main, 15th Cross, Malleswaram, 10.30 a.m
Vijaya Bank Employees' Association: Inauguration of zonal conference, Ramechandra Gowda, Minister for Science and Technology, participates, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road, 10 a.m
JCI, Bangalore South: Felicitation to Srikanth M. Chatrapathi, district governor, Rotary International District 3190, Shadakshari Sabhangana, Udaya Education Society, M.C. Layout Vijayanagar, 10.30 a.m
Christ College Institute of Management: Graduation Day, Main Auditorium, College premises, 4 p.m
Lions Club of Bangalore Central: Chikungunya camp, Kodagehalli, Kamagundlu Hobli, Nelsamangala Taluk, 10 a.m
SEVAK: World Family Day Celebrations, N.S. Ramaswamy, former director of the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, participates Puttanna Chetty Town Hall, J.C. Road 9.30 a.m
Nageshwara Krishna Seva Trust: Spiritual healing camp, Shahji Bhavan, Ambabhavani Temple, Bhavanagar Gavipuram extension, 10 a.m
Samvaada Trust: Talk on 'Heegidaru Namma Thande' by K.V. Akshara, The Indian Institute of World Culture, B.P. Wadia Road 10 a.m
United Lodge of Theosophists: Lecture on 'Search for happiness', Malin Bhavan, 4, M.N. Krishna Rao Road, Basavanagudi, 6.15 p.m
Navakarnataka Sahitya Sampada: 'Kshasrapane', release of books written by 12 writers by G.S. Shivarudrappa, renowned author, Nayana, Kannada Bhavan, J.C. Road, 10.30 a.m
The International Association of Lions Club, district 324-D1: Lions Cabinet presentation ceremony, Redhabhai Thimmappa Bhandari auditorium, Bunts Sangha, Vijayanagar, 10.30 a.m
Karnataka Veerashaiva Vidyabhivruddhi Samsthe: Akkanagamma and Padapada Appanna Jayanthi, B.S. Siddalingaiah, former president of Kannada Sahitya Parishat, presides, Jagajyothi Basaveshwara Uchita Vidyarthinilaya, Vijayanagar, 4 p.m

OBITUARY

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Sri G. KUMARASWAMY
(Retd. IOW, Southern Railway)
BORN 25.08.1931 DIED 30.07.2000
You showed us the value of a simple & honest life. We adore you.
Fondly Remembered by
– Family Members

DEATH

Smt. Nelatur. Komala
Reached Sri Vaikuntam on 25th July 2006
May her soul rest in peace
Bereaving family members
Mob: 9845323713 (Bangalore)

BRIEFLY

Dowry harassment case against magistrate

BANGALORE: A magistrate of Kolar district is in the news for the wrong reasons. His wife has accused him of harassing her for dowry. A case of dowry harassment has been booked against the magistrate at Srinivasapura. According to a complaint lodged by Mridula, her husband, Vijay Kumar, Junior Magistrate First Class (JMFC and Civil Judge Junior Division), had been harassing her for more dowry. The complaint has been lodged under Section 498 A and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prevention Act. A case has been registered
- Staff Reporter

SWR's Bangalore division's silver jubilee

BANGALORE: The Bangalore division of South Western Railway has completed 25 years. Divisional Railway Manager Mahesh Mangal, who inaugurated a programme to mark the crossing of the milestone on Thursday, extended his greetings to the staff of the division.
The division was carved out from the then Madras and Mysore divisions.
When it was formed, the division had broad-gauge lines only from Bangalore to Jolarpettai and from Bangarpet to Marikuppam, Mr Mangal recalled.
Now all the lines had been converted to broad-gauge, he added. – Staff Reporter

Bus drivers, conductors to be recruited

BANGALORE: The Government will recruit 11,440 drivers and conductors for the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, the North West KRTC and the North East KRTC, Minister for Transport N. Cheluvaraya Swamy has said.
He told pressmen here on Friday that the Government had already issued a notification for the purpose. All the posts would be filled through direct recruitment, he added.
It had been decided to introduce 1,500 to 1,700 new routes in Hubli and Gulbarga regions soon, he added.
– Staff Reporter

Call to suspend BJP MLC

BANGALORE: The Shivajinagar unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party has demanded the immediate suspension of the party MLC 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru for publicly criticising Deputy Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and two of his Cabinet colleagues. It has also sought disciplinary action against Mr Chandru, who was chairman of the party's disciplinary action committee till recently.
A former councillor of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Venkatalakshmaiah, in a letter to State BJP president H.N. Ananda Gowda said if Mr Chandru failed to give an assurance that he would not indulge in anti-party activities, he should be expelled from the party.
Staff Reporter

New vehicle to transport carcasses

BANGALORE: The Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BMP) has bought a vehicle to transport carcasses in the city, at a cost of about Rs. 10 lakh. Until now, carrying carcasses, especially bigger ones such as horses and cows, to the burial ground in Medhi Agrahara or the dumping yards posed a major problem. The BMP owns three vans for this purpose.
Whether user charges had to be levied on non-governmental organisations and private parties wanting to use the vehicle was still being considered, said Devika, health officer (West), BMP.
Staff Reporter

Eye check-up camp to be held today

BANGALORE: Jain Youth Association, Public Services, Health and Charitable Trust has organised its 13th free eye check-up and operation camp on Sunday. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sri Veerabagh, 142, Seppings Road, near Cubbon Park, Bhartinagar. On-the-spot registration will be done from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details, call 9845057422, 9886066699, 9731228899.
Staff Reporter

Trainee drivers, conductors may get more stipend

Road transport corporations serious on revision

Anil Kumar Sastry

- Training period is two years
- There are 10,000 trainees in the four corporations

BANGALORE: The four State road transport undertakings (STUs) are considering revising the stipend given to drivers and conductors during their two-year training period.
The STUs — the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), the North West KRTC, the North East KRTC and the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) — employ drivers and conductors and put them through training for two years. Drivers get a stipend of Rs. 2,100 and Rs. 2,500 during the first and second year respectively and conductors get Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 2,400.
The trainees are eligible for a monthly increment of Rs. 1,440 if the average daily revenue is Rs 6,000. There are over 10,000 such trainees employed by the four STUs. After completion of training, the starting salary of a driver is Rs. 8,241 and that of a conductor is Rs. 7,851.
Sources in the STUs told *The Hindu* that the corporations were not averse to revising the stipend. Acknowledging that the stipend was low, the sources said the managements of the STUs were serious about revising the stipend.

Aggrieved lot

Many trainee drivers and conductors whom *The Hindu* spoke to requested anonymity and said they were dissatisfied with the stipend amount. Some asked whether it was possible to lead a decent life in a city like Bangalore with around Rs. 3,000 a month.
At the same time, they were happy that they had got a secure job. They were concerned about the initial two-year training period.

Facilities offered

The STUs pointed out that they offered various facilities to all employees, including trainees. The facilities included Rs 3 lakh insurance in case an employee died, subsidised canteen, dormitory at the depots for trainees, soft education loan of Rs 50,000, free travel in buses and medical treatment.
They also said the STUs were the only State agencies that were recruiting in large numbers whereas employment opportunities in other government agencies was minimal.

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IN APPRECIATION: *Indian Institute of Science Director P. Balram handing over Motorola Scholar Awards 2005-06 to students of the K.K. Wagh Institute of Engineering, Education and Research, Nasik, (from left) Rajesh J.S., Ritesh N. Phalak and Dhiren K. Patra for their project 'Interactive videoconferencing toolkit for remote healthcare', in Bangalore on Saturday.* – PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Three students from Nasik get Motorola Scholar Award

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: A videoconferencing toolkit for remote healthcare has earned three students from Nasik the Motorola Scholar Award (first prize).
Dhiren K. Patra, Ritesh N Phalak and Rajesh J.S. from K.K Wagh Institute of Engineering, Education and Research, Nasik, bagged the award for developing a project wherein the main aim was to build a remote diagnosis tool that will work through wire less networks and help in taking specialised healthcare to people in remote areas.
The awards instituted by the Motorola Foundation and the Foundation for Advancement of Education and Research (FAER) are given to innovative projects by students to encourage experimentation in the field of communication engineering and technology. The awards were presented to the students on Sunday.
The other winners of the Motorola Scholar awards were Sourabh Nirmal, Abhinav Khandelwal and Abhishek Sharma from Global Institute of Technology, Jaipur, for their project "Express Power Communication Tool" and Ajay Nath and S. Ashwin from Sri Venkateshwara College of Engineering, Sriperumbudur for their project "Mobile Edu Text".
We want to take the project and see how ... can be put to ... scope of our project said the three first prize-winners. "Videoconferencing for ... healthcare has vast options ... we want to improve on what we have done," said Dhiren. Ritesh and Rajesh.
The awards were presented by P. Balram, director, Indian Institute of Science. "Of late, there has been a decline in the ... mentality. ... work in ... Motorola and more scientists are turning ... encourage ... needful. ... Text
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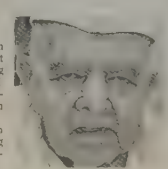
Karim Khan passes away

Staff Reporter



S.K. Karim Khan

BANGALORE: The nonagenarian Gandhian, Kannada folk poet and scholar and an outstanding lyricist of Kannada cinema, S.K. Karim Khan died here at a private hospital around noon on Saturday.
The Government had taken the responsibility of ensuring medical care for the ailing freedom fighter, a bachelor.
Born to Abdurrahman Khan, an Afghani, and Jaimabi of Saudi Arabia in Saklehpur of Hassan district, Mr. Khan was inspired by a report published in *The Hindu* on Mahatma Gandhi's call to the country's youth to take part in the freedom movement.
He became an ardent admirer of Gandhiji and a devoted himself to the Gandhian philosophy.

Served jail terms

He served seven terms in jail for the cause of Independence. He was closely associated with many men of letters of yesteryear such as Bhashyam, Subramanian, K.C. Reddy, T. Siddalingiah and Kengal Hanumanthaiya.
He served in the Royal Indian Navy for some time.

Awards

He won several awards, including the prestigious Nadoja, Janapada Sri, Rajyotsava Award and authored over 80 plays for professional theatre after he left politics for personal reasons.
Known for his significant contribution to folk literature, Mr. Khan became a household name in the State more as a lyricist than a folk scholar. In the early 1960s he launched 'Janapada Prakashana', an exclusive publication dedicated to folk literature, art and music, copies of which he sold at 50 paise each.
Despite his foreign roots, he remained a true Kannadiga on various counts, especially in employing folk language for his creative ventures.
Well-versed in the culture of the State and philosophical tenets and mythological significance of the land, he wrote stories, screenplays, dialogues and lyrics for many films, particularly mythological ones, in Kannada.

Penned over 200 songs

Armed with a fine taste in literature, mythology and music Mr. Khan wrote over 200 songs, including outstanding ones such as 'Natavara Gangadhara Umashankara,' 'Vanamaali Vanikunatpate,' 'Nudimana Shivaguna Sankeerthana,' 'Yee Jeevana Bevu Bella' and 'Jayagowri Jagadeeshwari' that were considered all-time classics of Indian cinema.

Road accidents high in Karnataka: report

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Karnataka has the third highest road accident rate in the country, after Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, according to a report released by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS). Stating this at a seminar here on "Road Traffic Injury Prevention in India" on Saturday, Transport Secretary D. Thangaraj said another report on "Helmets and Traffic Accidents by NIMHANS showed that 903 people were killed and 7,000 injured in Bangalore in 2004 owing to road traffic injuries.
A study on traumatic brain injuries in 2 hospitals of 4,000 road injury victims showed that 42 per cent of deaths and 43 per cent of injuries were sustained by motorcyclists.
G. Gururaj, professor and ... Hearing adjourned

Gandhian's death mourned

Special Correspondent

BANGALORE: Governor T.N. Chaturvedi, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Deputy Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and many Congress leaders have mourned the death of the veteran freedom fighter and Gandhian S.K. Karim Khan.
Mr. Chaturvedi said, "Karim Khan represented one of the last links of the folk arts with the world of today.
He had participated in the freedom struggle. Himself a follower of Islam, he became famous as a writer about Hindu scriptures with his catholicity of mind and heart."
His contribution to the reorganisation of the State earned him laurels from all. Many of his poems made a deep impact on the people and are even today popular in every household. He never yearned for name and fame, but they pursued him, the Governor said.

His poems made a deep impact on the people, says Governor

Mr. Kumaraswamy recalled the contributions of Mr. Khan to Kannada theatre and culture.
A multifaceted personality, Mr. Khan had received many awards, including 'Janapada Sri,' the highest folklore award in Karnataka. His death was a great loss to the State, the Chief Minister said.

Contributions lauded

Mr. Yediyurappa and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president M. Mallikarjun Kharge said Union Minister of State for Planning M.V. Rajasekharan mourned the death of Mr. Khan and lauded his contribution to Kannada cinema and culture.
KPCC general secretaries V.S. Ugrappa, Prakash K. Rathod, M. Ramachandrappa, H. Abdul Wahab, Veeranna Mattikatti and Manjunath Bhandari and secretaries Kenche Gowda and P.M. Ashok also mourned the death of Mr. Khan.

'True secularist'

The State Secretariat of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) expressed its profound grief over the death of Mr. Khan. Mr. Khan was a true secularist who advocated Hindu-Muslim unity and strove for communal harmony, said a press note.
M. Muniraju, Registrar, Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy, also mourned his death.
Bangalore Mayor Mumtaz Begum and Deputy Mayor M. Lakshminarayan have deeply condoled the death of Mr. Karim Khan.
All members of the BMP Council also expressed their grief, a press release said.

CINEMA

KANNADA
■ **Ganda Hendthi:** Adarsh (25551247) 10 30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m.; Cauvery (23361528) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., Govardhan (23370592) 11 30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6, 9 p.m.; Nilanda (26741858) 10 30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Nanda (26548894) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m.; Navarang (23324186) 10 15 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 4 15, 7.15, 10 p.m., Pramod (23354759) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7 30 p.m., Prasanna (23354759) 10 15 a.m., Nartaki (22875089) 10 30 a.m.; PVR Classic (41100787) 10 25 a.m. 3 40 p.m., 6 35 p.m.
■ **Neenello Nanalle:** Pramod 10 30 a.m., Sapna (22263180) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Veeresh (23350455) 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Inox (41128888) 12 40 p.m., 3.50, 6.55 p.m., Venkateshwara (26743419) 11.15 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6, 9 p.m., PVR Classic 1.20, 4.30, 9.30 p.m.
■ **Cyanide:** Prasanna 1.30 a.m., Tribhuvan (22251101) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m.; Inox 1.15 p.m., PVR Classic (41100787) 10.50 a.m., 1.10 p.m., 3.40, 10 p.m.
■ **Jackpot:** Nartaki 1.30, 4.30, 7.30 p.m.
■ **Datta:** Majestic (22871905) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m.
■ **Ashan:** Kalpana (22871494) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Vishal (23486997) 2.30 p.m., 5.30, 8.30 p.m.
■ **Honeymoon Express:** Triveni (22871224) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Prasanna 4.30, 7.30 p.m.
■ **Chellata:** Ullas (23375057) 2.45 p.m., 5.45, 8.45 p.m.
■ **Nenapirali:** Usha (26611067) 10.15 a.m., Veeresh 10.30 a.m., Jogi Pushpanjali (23382210) 2.30 p.m., 6, 9 p.m., King, Vishal 11.15 a.m.

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■ **Omkara:** Anand (25478567) 3.30 p.m., 7, 10.15 p.m., Cauvery 2.30 p.m., 6, 9.30 p.m., Innovative Multiplex 1.45, 4.30, 7.15, 10 p.m., Kamakhya (Ph. 26693555) 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 5.30, 9 p.m., Kapali (22226211) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Naga (25551243) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6, 9.30 p.m., Rex (25587350) 1.20 p.m., 4.10 p.m., Urvashi (22245552) 10.45 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6, 9.45 p.m., Vaibhav (ph. 23514515) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., Inox 10.10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3.30, 6.40, 9.45 p.m., PVR Classic 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4, 7, 10 p.m., PVR Gold Class 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 7, 10 p.m.
■ **Yun Hota Toh Kya Hota:** Innovative Multiplex 7.45 p.m., 10 p.m., Inox 5 p.m., 9.55 p.m., PVR Classic noon, 4.50 p.m., 8.50 p.m.
■ **Krrish:** Abhinay (22872029) 10 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 4.30, 7.45 p.m., Innovative Multiplex 3.30, 6.45 p.m., Inox 10.15 a.m., PVR Cinema Europa 11.15 a.m., 2.50 p.m., 6.25, 10 p.m.
■ **Killer:** Innovative Multiplex 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., Kailash (22261101) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Inox 10 a.m., PVR Classic 2.30, 7.20 p.m.
■ **Corporate:** Innovative Multiplex noon, Inox 6.45 p.m.; PVR Classic 3.30 p.m., 9.50 p.m., PVR Gold Class 4 p.m.
■ **Gotmar:** Innovative Multiplex 12.30 p.m., 4.45, 10 p.m., Inox 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.; PVR Classic 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 7, 10 p.m.
■ **Fanaa:** PVR Classic 12 10 p.m.

ENGLISH
■ **Lady In The Water:** Rex 11 11 a.m., 7 p.m., 9.30 p.m., Inox Multiplex (41100787) 10.20 a.m., 1.40 p.m., 7.30, 9.50 p.m., PVR Cinema Europa 10 a.m., 12.20 p.m., 5.15, 7.35 p.m.
■ **Pirates of Carribean:** Innovative Multiplex (25[illegible]) 12 a.m., 3.45 p.m., 7.30 p.m., Mukunda (25[illegible]) 10.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 5.45 p.m., Symphony (25[illegible]) 10 a.m., 1.40 p.m., 5.40 p.m., PVR Classic 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4, 7, 10 p.m., PVR Gold Class 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 7, 10 p.m.
■ **Over The Hedge:** PVR Classic 10.15 a.m.
■ **The Lake House** PVR Classic 10.05 a.m.
■ **Superman Returns:** PVR Classic 1 p.m.

TAMIL
■ **Jerry:** Anand 12.15 p.m., Aasma (Ph. 25514590) 10.30 a.m., Vanavil (26[illegible]) 10.30 a.m., Vijay Park (25[illegible]) 10.30 a.m., Sangam (22[illegible]) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., Raja (25[illegible]) 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., Urvashi 10.30 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 4.45, 7.45 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m.
■ **Achanya:** Nilakiri (24[illegible]) 10 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 4.45, 7.45 p.m., Gem Ullas 11.30 a.m.

TELUGU
■ **Pokiri:** Aparna (22[illegible]) 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30, 7.30 p.m., PVR Cinema Europa 9.55 p.m.
■ **Ashoka:** Eshwari (26[illegible]) 11.15 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., Navarang (23[illegible]) 11 30 a.m., 2.45 p.m., 6.15, 9.30 p.m., PVR Classic 6.30 p.m.

BANGALORE TODAY

• RELIGION

Bhagavad Gita, chapter 14: Swami Satchidananda 209/A, Shanbhag Hall 14th Main, 50 ft Road, 2nd Block, Hanumanthnagar, 6 p.m.
Dasavani: Mysore Ramachandra, Saralangana, 195, 5th A Main, 6th Cross, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, 5 p.m.
Darshan: Guruji Viswanath, Manava Seva Kendra, 8/57A, 1st Cross, 8th Main, Sadashivanagar, 10.30 a.m.
Meditation and bhajans: Shivabalayogi Ashram, 17A, J.P. Nagar 3rd Phase, 6 p.m.
Bhajans: Belur Rama Bhajana Sabha, Prasanna Veerabhadraya Swamy Trust, Mallakshmipura, 9 a.m.
Discourse: Futuristic science and spiritualism by Rangonath Bharadwaj, economist and theatre person, Karnataka Havadasa Scientific Research Centre, Deccan Paradise, 3rd Floor, 8th Main, Basaveshwaranagar, 6 p.m.
Installation of idol: Sutra Shaneshwara Swami Devasthana Kedarlinga Mandapa, M. Krishnappa, MLC, M. Laxminarayana, Deputy Mayor, participate, behind Government Primary School, Maruthi Block, Srinagar, 10 a.m.
Bhagavad Gita, chapter 9: Swami Abhaya Chaitanya, Geetha Gnana Yagna, Kodanada Rama Temple, Sanathana Bhakta Mandali, Vidyaranagar, Chord Road (East), 6.30 p.m.
Discourse: Pearls of Wisdom of Kanchi Paramacharya by Mathoor Krishnamurti, Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, 28, 5th Main, 11th Cross, Malleswaram, 6.45 p.m.
Bhajans: Sai Gitanjali, Satya Sai Seva Kshethra, 36, 21st Main, 8th Cross, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, 6.15 p.m.

• CULTURE

Guruvayurappan Bhajan Samaj Trust: Mandolin recital by U. Srinivas and party, Odukkathur Swamigal Math, Kumarahara Chetty Road, near Ulsoor Lake, 7 p.m.
Rajamahal Vilas Sangeetha Sabha: Vocal duet by Vijayalakshmi and Chitra, and Mamtaram Sisters, Raghothaman Memorial Building, Sanjayanagar, RMV [illegible], 6.30 p.m.
Vijaya College of Music: Ganavahini, vocal concert by Bellary K. Ramesh and party, college premises, 8th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, 4.15 p.m.
Vijaya Vinayaka Temple: Music concert by Radhika Chari, Manyanath, Kama B. Atreya, ITI layout, J.P. Nagar 4 Phase, 6 p.m.
Samarthanam Trust For The Disabled: "TVS Starts with Singers Night", a musical fund raising concert, Gayathri Vihar, Palace Grounds, 6 p.m.
Gallery Sumukha: "Addressing Unreason", group show by Abhijit Gupta, Chhatrapati Dutta, Paula Sengupta, Radhi Narayan Nandy, Sujay Mukherjee, 24/10, BTS Depot Road, Wilson Garden, 10.30 a.m.
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, South Centre: "Sangeethamaya", Kala Bharathi, Bull Temple Service Station, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, 4 p.m.
Sangeetha Krupa Kuteera: Hindustani classical music recital by M.S. Kamal Dattatreya empte, 59, 3rd Block, 5th Main, Tyagarajanagar, 5.45 p.m.

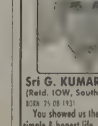
• GENERAL

Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha: Annual Day celebrations, Purandara Bhavana, 8th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, 4 p.m.
Indian Institute of World Culture: Poetry And Morality Speech by G. Venkatasubbaiah, 6, B.P. Wadia Road, 6 p.m.
Ladies Wing of Bengalee Association: Annual Fete day, Kavita Krishnamurthi, L. Subraman participate, association premises, 1 A, Assaye Road, Ulsoor, 6 p.m.
Centre For Child Development and Disabilities: Inauguration of its facilities by N. Venkatachala, former Lokayukta, 6, Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main, 15th Cross, Malleswaram, 10 a.m.
Vijaya Bank Employees' Association: Inauguration of regional conference, Sengupta, Radhi Narayan Nandy Science and Technology, participates Bharateya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road, 10 a.m.
JCI, Bangalore South: Felicitation to Srikanth M. Chatrapathi, district governor, Rotary International District 3190, Shadakshari Sabhangana, Udaya Education Society, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, 10.30 a.m.
Christ College Institute of Management: Graduation Day, Main Auditorium, College premises, 4 p.m.
Lions Club of Bangalore Central: Chikungunya camp, Kodagehalli, Kempagundu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, 10 a.m.
SEVAK: World Family Day celebrations, N.S. Ramaswamy, former director of the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, participates, Puttanna Chetty Town Hall, J.C. Road, 9.30 a.m.
Yogeshwara Krishna Seva Trust: Spiritual healing camp, Shahe Bhavan, Ambabhavani Temple, Bhavaninagar, Gavipuram extension, 10 a.m.
Samvaada Trust: Talk on 'Heegidaru Namma Thande' by K.V. Akshara, The Indian Institute of World Culture, B.P. Wadia Road, 10 a.m.
United Lodge of Theosophists: Lecture on "Search for happiness" Maitri Bhavan, 4, M.N. Krishna Rao Road, Basavanagudi, 6.15 p.m.
Navakarnataka Sahitya Sampada: "Lokaarpane", release of books written by 14 writers by G.S. Shivarudrappa, renowned author, Nayana, Kannada Bhavan, J.C. Road, 10.30 a.m.
The international Association of Lions Club, district 324-D1: Lions Cabinet presentation ceremony, Radhabhai Thimmappa Bhandari auditorium, Bunts Sangha, Vijayanagar, 10.30 a.m.
Karnataka Veerashaiva Vidyabhivruddhi Samsthe Akkanagamma and Padapada Appanna Jayanthi, B.S. Siddalingaiah, former president of Kannada Sahitya Parishat presides, Jagadyothi Basaveshwara Ushna Vidyarthinilaya, Vijayanagar, 4 p.m.

OBITUARY

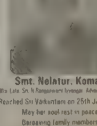
DEATH ANNIVERSARY

6th ANNIVERSARY



Sri G. KUMARASWAMY
(Retd. IOW, Southern Railway)
Kottur, Dt. Bellary
Born 30-9-1930 Died 30-7-2000
You showed us the value of a simple & honest life. We adore you.
Fondly Remembered by
– Family Members

DEATH



Smt. Nelatur. Komala
(W/o Late Sri. N.Rangaiah Iyengar. Advocate, Kolar)
Reached Sri Vaikuntam on 25th July 2006.
May her soul rest in peace
Bereaving family members
Mob: 09845737713 (Bangalore.)

Family injured in cylinder blast

A couple and their children were injured after an LPG cylinder exploded at their residence in Raghavendra Layout, Tigalarapalya under Tavarekere police limits in the early hours of Wednesday.

According to the police, Vijay, 28, a private company employee and his wife Anita, 25, suffered serious injuries. Their children Chethshree, 8, and Kaushik, three months old, suffered minor injuries.

Forensic Science Laboratory experts, who inspected the house, informed that the tube connecting the cylinder and the stove had worn off and this might have resulted in the leakage of gas.

"The couple had forgotten to turn off the gas last night. A short circuit might have resulted in the explosion when they switched on the light in the morning. The neighbours rushed in and found the couple lying on the floor with injuries. They shifted them to Victoria Hospital and informed the police. The family is said to be out of danger," said a senior police officer.

A portion of the wall and ceiling are damaged. A case has been registered and investigation is on," he added.

KEA publishes answer keys

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has published the provisional answer keys of all subjects of Dharwad Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (DIMHANS) 2014 competitive examination, held on August 2.

The exam was conducted for the appointment of staff nurses, assistant librarians and physiotherapists. Objections have to be submitted with justification on or before August 30 (5.30 pm) to keauthority-ka@nic.in. It should also mention the subject and version code or question number.

Maths guest faculty

The Department of Mathematics at Bangalore University requires guest faculty, both part time and full time. Interested candidates can submit their resumé to the chairperson of the department by Monday.

BUCTA office-bearers

Dr R Ramachandrappa, Associate professor at Jyoti Nivas College, has been elected president of Bangalore University College Teachers' Association (BUCTA). SG Nagaraju, assistant professor at VVS First Grade College for Women, is the general secretary and MR Shashidhara, director of physical education at RBANMS College, is the treasurer.

Job placement project for blind

The Karnataka Welfare Association for the Blind in collaboration with Tata Coffee Limited, Bangalore, will start job placement project for candidates who are trained in computer and English language communication skills. All the candidates will be provided free of cost for the blind and other disabled with moderate disability and speech and hearing impaired people. Those aged above 18 years can register from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm for the position and further details contact at [illegible]

Can't stop registration of new vehicles, Transport dept says of KSPCB order

'Banning autos in CBD not feasible either; two-stroke vehicles plying illegally'

BANGALORE: **The Department of Transport and Road Safety has described as "illogical" the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's (KSPCB) order that it should stop registration of new vehicles in Bangalore until pollution levels are controlled.**

The KSPCB had told the High Court on Tuesday that it had ordered the department to restrict registration of new vehicles in Bangalore until noise levels and air quality standards were met. It also directed the department to ban auto-rickshaws in the Central Business District (CBD) in a phased manner, forbid the use of two-stroke vehicles within the BBMP area and the entry of heavy motor vehicles (HMVs) within outer ring road and disallow HMVs 15 years old and above.

The High Court, which is hearing a suo motu Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on the increase in ambient noise and air quality levels in Bangalore, had admonished the KSPCB for failing to discharge its duties. It had even asked the government why the KSPCB should not be superseded.

After the court's strong criticism, the KSPCB, exercising the powers under the Karnataka Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1983, issued directions to the transport department, the Bangalore traffic police and the BBMP on August 25, to implement a set of measures to check air and noise pollution.

But transport officials, who held a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the 13-point order issued by the KSPCB, stressed that there was no point in refusing to register new vehicles in Bangalore as people would get vehicles registered in other parts of Karnataka or other states and can ply them in the City. The Department received the KSPCB order on Tuesday.

Emission testing centres

Commissioner for Transport and Road Safety, Dr Ramegowda, has sought report in three days from all Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) on the status of functionality of 291 emission testing centres in the City.

The KSPCB's order on banning auto-rickshaws in the CBD is not plausible either given the fact that the CBD is the core area visited by thousands of people every day for work and leisure, transport officials said.

Without auto-rickshaws—considered to be the City's lifeline—and in the absence of a alternative public transport system such as the Metro trains and BMTC buses which can provide seamless connectivity, it will be very difficult for people to commute, a transport official said.

On banning two-stroke auto-rickshaws, the official said that those vehicles were to be phased out as per a government order passed in 2013 and were plying illegally. Nearly 20,000 such auto-rickshaws are estimated to be plying in the City.

In fact, the transport department launched a drive under the jurisdiction of RTO (Bangalore-West), checking 60 outstation vehicles and booking 160 of them for non-payment of lifetime tax. The drive netted about Rs 1.5 crore. Besides, vehicles with shrill horns, defective number plates and cars with sun films were checked and suitable action taken as per the rules.

Such drives, the official went on, will continue in the coming days to enforce traffic and Motor Vehicles rules. Even KSRTC and BMTC buses are being checked for noise and air pollution.

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The KSPCB wants

TRANSPORT DEPT

- To impose a fine of Rs 1,000 on vehicles that exceed automobile emission limits, and if the offence is compounded, suspend registration certificate/seize the vehicles.
- To issue necessary notification restricting the sale of fuel in the BBMP area for vehicles not having Pollution Control Certificate.
- The BMTC and the KSRTC should convert all their existing vehicles to green fuel like CNG and draw a road map for implementation.

TRAFFIC POLICE

- Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic) should not issue permission to conduct functions in the road blocking the traffic, movement of pedestrians, use of loud speakers and public address system in contravention of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.
- KSRTC and the BMTC should strictly adhere to traffic rules, lane discipline, parking/stopping of vehicles at designated bus bays/stops.
- Should impose fine of Rs 1,000 on vehicles that exceed noise limits and those fitted with shrill horns and defective/altered silencers not in conformity with regulations.
- Should regulate encroachments on footpaths by hawkers in market place and ensure there is no obstruction in pedestrian and vehicular movement.

THE BBMP SHOULD

- Plan a comprehensive parking management programme.
- Take action for removal of dust/silt accumulated on road-side/median using mechanical means on regular basis.
- Fill potholes and road-cutting for smooth flow of traffic.
- Evacuate non-parking activities in the area earmarked for parking as per the approved building plan.
- Avoid open burning of garbage and remove the garbage dumped.
- Ensure stocking of construction material to be minimal at site and debris to be cleared without accumulation.

OC from BBMP must for City high-rises

BANGALORE: **Those constructing high-rise residential and commercial buildings within the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits should obtain Occupancy Certificate (OC) from the BBMP, failing which power connection will not be given to such structures.**

In a letter to the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) managing director BBMP Commissioner M Lakshminarayana said that the BBMP Council had passed a resolution that Bescom should provide electricity only to those buildings within the BBMP limits which have the OC.

The letter further says this decision was taken to curb illegalities, such as encroachment and building plan violations. The letter has brought the focus back on the controversy as to who should issue the OC to these high rises.

Successive BBMP commissioners had accused the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) of violating the jurisdictional sanctity by sanctioning building plan, Commencement Certificate (CC) and the OC to building within BBMP limit.

Finally the BBMP Council passed a resolution that the BDA continue to issue building plans, CC and OC.

For instance, the BDA had sanctioned the building plan and issued CC and OC to Mantri Developers for their Mantri Tranquil project.

The BDA ignored the fact that the project was within BBMP limits and that the C and D blocks of the Mantri Tranquil were built on the storm water drain.

Now, Bescom has discontinued power to the two residential blocks comprising some 400 apartments based on BBMP's recommendation and notices to the residents.

This has left the occupants without electricity for the last few days. They are depending on [illegible]

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Traffic jams as people scramble to head out

BANGALORE, DHNS: Traffic came to a grinding halt in and around the Majestic area on Wednesday night as a large number of outbound passengers scrambled to board additional buses ahead of the festival and the weekend.

The traffic jam also affected vehicular movement in the Central Business District. Police said vehicles moved at a snail's pace for two hours.

Bumper-to-bumper traffic began around 8 pm before the situation eased around 11 pm. Some major roads hit by the jam were KG Road, JC Road, Platform Road, Seshadri Road, Goods Shed Road, Cottonpet Main Road and Mysore Road.

There was a similar situation in K R Circle, Seshadripuram, Okalipuram, parts of Dr Rajkumar Road, Richmond Road, Raja Rammohun Roy Road, Residency Road and Tumkur Road in Yeshwanthpur. Similar jams were reported around other bus terminuses.

Additional personnel were deployed in and around the Kempegowda Bus Station and City railway station to regulate traffic. The police fear the situation may worsen on Thursday.

HOME-BOUND: Kempegowda Bus terminal bustles with people bound for their destinations ahead of the festive weekend on Wednesday. DH PHOTO

Indiranagar 100 ft road to be Karim Khan Road

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BANGALORE, DHNS: City's Indiranagar 100 feet Road will be christened as Dr S K Karim Khan Road, named after the Karnataka's eminent folklorist and poet on August 31.

Though a resolution was passed eight years ago by the City corporation to name the road after Dr Khan, and State government endorsing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) resolution, the move was marred in controversy with the ruling BJP, as well as BBMP, seeking to ratify the decision to name it after former prime minister Atal Behari Vajpayee a few years ago.

With pro-Kannada organisations, Congress as well as JD-S opposing the move demanding that 2006 decision be respected, the ruling BJP in BBMP withdrew its decision, but the formal naming ceremony was unduly delayed.

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Woman found murdered, husband's role suspected

[illegible] found murdered in her house in Munilakshmi Layout, limits on Tuesday night. The victim is Munilakshmi, resident of Bandepalya.

Munilakshmi, [illegible] was married to Anil Kumar four years ago. Kumar is the son of the victim's aunt. He works in a factory in Bangalore and hails from Chikkaballapur. The couple have a two-year-old daughter, police said.

The couple were not on good terms over the [illegible] and there were frequent fights between them. Kumar had taken to alcohol and had borrowed loans from various sources as he was facing financial problems, police said.

The couple had a property issue on Tuesday afternoon. He strangled her and went out of the house along with his daughter. [illegible] the house from outside and went to the residence of the victim's sister in Madavara. Both the daughter and the victim's sister's fiance [illegible] police after some time.

The family members suspected that he did not return to [illegible] cellphone was switched off. They called up Munilakshmi's [illegible]

Youth rapes minor, held

[illegible]

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BWSSB billing mess: Consumers levied BCC charges again

Board agrees to recalculate if proof shown, but many in the dark

Rasheed Kappan

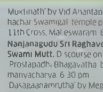
BANGALORE: **Stumped by their first-ever water bills, BWSSB consumers in the City's new BBMP areas are crying foul. Reason: Having promptly paid the Beneficiary Capital Contribution (BCC) to the Board, fixed the meters and got their connections legalised last year, they are now being levied the same charge a second time.**

It is now learnt the double billing has everything to do with a major scam unearthed in the BWSSB's Greater Bangalore Water and Sanitation Project (GBWASP) in January 2014. The Board's audit section had found that non-installation members had siphoned off Rs 10 lakh by issuing fake bank acknowledgements (challans) to unsuspecting consumers who had paid the BCC in the KR Puram division.

The BCC was not deposited in the BWSSB's bank account. It was feared that several crores of rupees may have been unaccounted for. But the BWSSB is now not sure whether a consumer's challan is fake or real. So, it has done the easiest thing: Include the BCC in every bill under the head "arrears."

When contacted, BWSSB Engineer-in-Chief T Venkataraju told *Deccan Herald* that if the consumer produced the challan as documentary evidence, the Board would check whether the money is actually credited to its bank account. If the challan is real, the money would be adjusted in the next billing cycle.

But several consumers, particularly in the KR Puram division, are unaware of this option. Many have actually paid the BCC amount again as the bill does not explain what the "arrears" actually means.



Bill recalculation

Consumers who did question the local BWSSB office were asked not to pay the full amount and instead write to the BWSSB chairman with the BCC paid receipt. J Krishna Murthy, a resident of Shastrinagar near HAL, had paid Rs 5,000 as BCC for his house on a 30' X 40' plot. But his first water bill amount was Rs 4,656, way above his monthly water charge of Rs 93. On approaching the local BWSSB office, the bill was recalculated and he had to pay only Rs 644.

However, Abdul Salam, a resident of the adjacent Annasandrapalya, had no such luck. His bill amount was a hefty Rs 8,095, of which Rs 7,291 was shown as other charges and Rs 122 as arrears on those charges. He too had paid the BCC years before. Since he did not question the billers, he was given no explanation or assurance of a refund.

Illegal connections

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According to the police, Vijay, 28, a private company employee and his wife Anita, 25, suffered serious injuries. Their children Chinnu, 8, and Kaushik, three months old, suffered minor injuries.

Forensic Science Laboratory experts, who inspected the house, informed that the tube connecting the cylinder and the stove had worn off and this might have resulted in the leakage of gas.

The couple had forgotten to turn off the gas last night. A short circuit might have resulted in the explosion when they switched on the light in the morning.

The neighbours rushed in and found the couple lying on the floor with injuries. They shifted them to Victoria Hospital and informed the police. The family is said to be out of danger," said a senior police officer.

A portion of the wall and ceiling are damaged. A case has been registered and investigation is on," he added.

KEA publishes answer keys

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has published the provisional answer keys of all subjects of Dharwad Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (DIMHANS) 2014 competitive examination, held on August 2.

The exam was conducted for the appointment of staff nurses, assistant librarians and physiotherapists. Objections have to be submitted with justification on or before August 30 (5.30 pm) to keaauthority-ka@nic.in. It should also mention the subject and version code or question number.

Maths guest faculty

The Department of Mathematics at Bangalore University requires guest faculty, both part time and full time. Interested candidates can submit their résumé to the chairperson of the department by Monday.

BUCTA office-bearers

Dr R Ramachandrappa, associate professor at Jyoti Nivas College, has been elected president of Bangalore University College Teachers' Association (BUCTA). SG Nagaraju, assistant professor at VVS First Grade College for Women, is the general secretary and MR Shashidhara, director of physical education at RBANMS College, is the treasurer.

Job placement project for blind

The Karnataka Welfare Association for the Blind in collaboration with Tata Coffee Limited, Bangalore, will start job placement project for candidates who are trained in computer and English language communication skills. All those across will be provided free of cost for the blind and other disabled with moderate disabilities and speech and hearing impaired people. Those interested [illegible] from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm for registration and further [illegible] contact at 87412 2706 or 9886718868.

Horticulture training

The Department of Horticulture will organise a short duration horticulture training in preservation of fruits and vegetables like preparation of jam, juices, jelly, pickle and chutney, for women [illegible] September 1 to 11 on working days at the Horticulture Training Centre, Hesaraghatta. [illegible] Director of Horticulture, Bangalore, [illegible] of a decade of progress by Prof Bala V Manyam [illegible]

Can't stop registration of new vehicles, Transport dept says of KSPCB order

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BANGALORE: **The Department of Transport and Road Safety has described as "illogical" the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's (KSPCB) order that it should stop registration of new vehicles in Bangalore until pollution levels are controlled.**

The KSPCB had told the High Court on Tuesday that it had ordered the department to restrict registration of new vehicles in Bangalore until noise levels and air quality standards were met. It also directed the department to ban auto-rickshaws in the Central Business District (CBD) in a phased manner, forbid the use of two-stroke vehicles within the BBMP area and the entry of heavy motor vehicles (HMVs) within outer ring road and disallow HMVs 15 years old and above.

The High Court, which is hearing a suo motu Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on the increase in ambient noise and air quality levels in Bangalore, had admonished the KSPCB for failing to discharge its duties. It had even asked the government why the KSPCB should not be superseded.

After the court's strong criticism, the KSPCB, exercising the powers under the Karnataka Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1983, issued directions to the transport department, the Bangalore traffic police and the BBMP on August 25, to implement a set of measures to check air and noise pollution.

But transport officials, who held a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the 13-point order issued by the KSPCB, stressed that there was no point in restricting register new vehicles in Bangalore as people would get vehicles registered in other parts of Karnataka or other states and can ply them in the City. The department received the KSPCB order on Tuesday.

Emission testing centres

Commissioner for Transport and Road Safety, Dr Ramegowda, has sought report in three days from all Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) on the status of functionality of PSU emission testing centres in the City.

The KSPCB's order on banning auto-rickshaws in the CBD is not plausible either given the fact that the CBD is the core area visited by thousands of people every day for work and leisure, transport officials said.

Without auto-rickshaws—considered to be the City's lifeline—and in the absence of a alternative public transport system such as the Metro train and BMTC buses which can provide seamless connectivity it will be very difficult for people to commute, a transport official said.

On banning two-stroke auto rickshaws, the official said that those vehicles were to be phased out as per a government order passed in 2013 and were plying illegally. Nearly 20,000 such auto-rickshaws are estimated to be plying in the City.

In fact, the transport department launched a drive under the jurisdiction of RTO (Bangalore-West), checking 600 autos on vehicles and booking 160 of them for non-payment of lifetime tax. The drive netted about Rs 1.5 crore. Besides, vehicles with shrill horn, defective number plates and cars with sun films were checked and suitable action taken as per the rules.

Such drives, the official went on, will continue in the coming days to enforce traffic and Motor Vehicles rules. Even KSRTC and BMTC buses are being checked for noise and air pollution.

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The KSPCB wants

TRANSPORT DEPT

- To impose a fine of Rs 1,000 on vehicles that exceed automobile emission limits, and if the offence is compounded, suspend registration certificate/seize the vehicles
- To issue necessary notification restricting the sale of fuel in the BBMP area for vehicles not having Pollution Control Certificate
- The BMTC and the KSRTC should convert all their existing vehicles to green fuel like CNG and draw a road map for implementation.

TRAFFIC POLICE

- Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic) should not issue permission to conduct functions in the road blocking the traffic, movement of pedestrians, use of loud speakers and public address system in contravention of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000
- KSRTC and the BMTC should strictly adhere to traffic rules, lane discipline, parking/stopping of vehicles at designated bus bays/stops
- Should impose fine of Rs 1,000 on vehicles that exceed noise limits and those fitted with shrill horns and defective/altered silencers not in conformity with regulations.
- Should regulate encroachments on footpaths by hawkers in market place and ensure there is no obstruction in pedestrian and vehicular movement

THE BBMP MUST

- Plan a comprehensive parking management programme
- Take action for removal of dust/silt accumulated on roadside/median using mechanical means on regular basis
- Fill potholes and road-cutting for smooth flow of traffic
- Evacuate non-parking activities in the area earmarked for parking as per the approved building plan
- Avoid open burning of garbage and remove the garbage dumped
- Ensure stocking of construction material to be minimum at site and debris to be cleared without accumulation

OC from BBMP must for City high-rises

BANGALORE: **Those constructing high-rise residential and commercial buildings within the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits should obtain Occupancy Certificate (OC) from the BBMP, failing which power connection will not be given to such structures.**

In a letter to the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) managing director BBMP Commissioner M Lakshminarayana said that the BBMP Council had passed a resolution that Bescom should provide electricity only to those buildings within the BBMP limits which have the OC.

The letter further says this decision was taken to curb illegalities, such as encroachment and building plan violations. The letter has brought the focus back on the controversy as to who should issue the OC to these high rise [illegible]

Successive BBMP commissioners had accused the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) of violating [illegible] sanctions by sanctioning building plan, Commencement Certificates (CC) and the OC of buildings within BBMP limits. Until the BBMP Council passed a resolution in 2013, the BDA continues to issue building plans, CC and OC.

For instance, the BDA had sanctioned the building plan and issued CC and OC to Mantri Developers for their Mantri Tranquil project.

The BDA ignored the fact that the project was within BBMP limits and that the C and D blocks of the Mantri Tranquil were built on the storm water drain.

Now, Bescom has disconnected power to the two residential blocks comprising some 400 apartments on BBMP recommendation and notices to the residents [illegible]

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Traffic jams as people scramble to head out

BANGALORE, DHNS: Traffic came to a grinding halt in and around the Majestic area on Wednesday night as a large number of outbound passengers scrambled to board additional buses ahead of the festival and the weekend.

The traffic jam also affected vehicular movement in the Central Business District. Police said vehicles moved at a snail's pace for two hours.

Bumper-to-bumper traffic began around 8 pm before the situation eased around 11 pm. Some major roads hit by the jam were KG Road, JC Road, Platform Road, Seshadri Road, Goods Shed Road, Cottonpet Main Road and Mysore Road.

There was a similar situation in K R Circle, Seshadripuram, Okalipuram, parts of Dr Rajkumar Road, Richmond Road, Raja Rammohun Roy Road, Residency Road and Tumkur Road in Yeshwantpur. Similar jams were reported around other bus terminuses.

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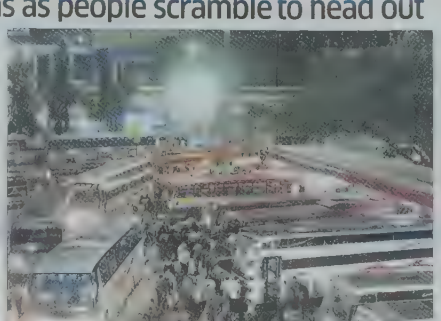

HOME BOUND: Kempegowda Bus Terminal bustles with people bound for their destinations ahead of the festive weekend on Wednesday. DH PHOTO

Indiranagar 100 ft road to be Karim Khan Road

BANGALORE, DHNS: City's Indiranagar 100 feet Road will be christened as Dr S K Karim Khan Road, named after the Karnataka's eminent folklorist and poet on August 31.

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With pro-Kannada organisations, Congress as well as JD-S opposing the move demanding that 2006 decision be respected, the ruling BJP in BBMP withdrew its decision, but the formal naming ceremony was unduly delayed.

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Woman found murdered, husband's role suspected

[illegible] 24-year-old woman was found murdered at her house in M [illegible] limits on Tuesday. The victim is Munilakshmi, a resident of Bandepalya.

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The couple [illegible] and there used to be regular fights between them. Kumar had taken to alcohol and had borrowed loans from various sources as well. [illegible]

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The family members grew suspicious as he did not return. They kept calling him, but his cellphone was not reachable. They called up Munilakshmi [illegible]

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Youth rapes minor, held

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BWSSB billing mess: Consumers levied BCC charges again

Board agrees to recalculate if proof shown, but many in the dark

Rasheed Kappan

BANGALORE: **Stumped by their first-ever water bills, BWSSB consumers in the City's new BBMP areas are crying foul. Reason: Having promptly paid the Beneficiary Capital Contribution (BCC) to the Board, fixed the meters and got their connections legalised last year, they are now being levied the same charge a second time.**

It is now learnt the double billing has everything to do with a major scam unearthed in the BWSSB's Greater Bangalore Water and Sanitation Project (GBWASP) in January 2014. The Board's audit section had found that two staff members had siphoned off Rs 10 lakh by issuing fake bank acknowledgements (challans) to unsuspecting consumers who had paid the BCC in the KR Puram division.

The BCC was not deposited in the BWSSB's bank account. It was feared that several crores of rupees may have been unaccounted for. But the BWSSB is now not sure whether a consumer's challan is fake or real. So, it has done the easiest thing: Include the BCC in every bill under the head "arrears."

When contacted, BWSSB Engineer-in-Chief T Venkatarju told *Deccan Herald* that if the consumer produced the challan as documentary evidence, the Board would check whether the money is actually credited to its bank account. If the challan is real, the money would be adjusted in the next billing cycle.

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Bill recalculation

Consumers who did question the local BWSSB office were asked not to pay the full amount and instead write to the BWSSB chairman with the BCC paid receipt. J Krishna Murthy, a resident of Shastrinagar near HAL, had paid Rs 5,000 as BCC for his house on a 30' X 40' plot. But his latest water bill amount was Rs 4,656, way above his monthly water charge of Rs 93. On approaching the local BWSSB office, the bill was recalculated and he had to pay only Rs 644.

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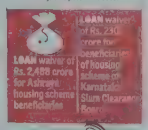
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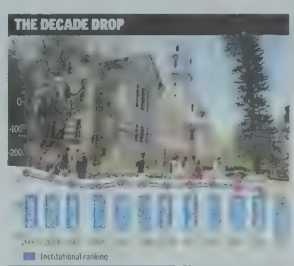

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She has also created a Shiva temple, which is around 10.5 ft in height, using 300 kg of seashells and conches. These artworks have been exhibited at her museum along with other creations such as a sea shell fish aquarium, Buddha under the Bodhi tree and traditional lamps.

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Ms. Mallappa is also working on a replica of St. Philomena's Church, a top tourist destination in Mysore. The artist's next project is to create a replica of Amba Vilas Palace, the city's prime landmark, in seashells and conches. "I have collected the shells but I don't have sufficient space to take up new works."

Ms. Mallappa's museum is located near the Hanuman temple, behind Bannimantap grounds, at Hanumanthnagar here. The museum is open from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Call 9632589999 before visiting the museum.

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The bankers' court will be established in all APMC yards that have commenced online trading of commodities. Both private and nationalised banks, including ICICI, State bank of India, SyndicateBank and Canara Bank, have come forward to set up the courts.

Sources in the government told *The Hindu* that the APMCs would provide some space on their premises for the purpose. The banks would open no-frills accounts and farmers and traders could avail themselves of credit by pledging their commodities.

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Fourteen APMCs in Gadag, Hubli, Chamarajanagar, Challakere, Chitradurga, Bijapur, Tumkur, Dharwad, Raichur, Gubbi, Bellary, Mandya, Tiptur and Arsikere have commenced online trading of commodities such as coconut, groundnut, turmeric, Bengal gram, toor and jowar. They have been brought under the unified market platform (UMP).

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More markets will go online over the next few months. ReMS officials said. There are 155 APMCs in the State.

E-auction system

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There are four vacancies in the State Cabinet and they are to be filled after consultation with Congress high [illegible] Siddaramaiah and Dr Parameshwara are also expected to discuss appointments to boards and corporations.

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BANGALORE: If you are planning a big fat Indian wedding, honeymoon, exotic overseas family vacation or a corporate outing, you are being marketed for a new geographical temptation.

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Even with its luxury tag, Abu Dhabi is becoming the new hotspot for the high-end Indian traveller. Between January and June this year, 107,995 Indians visited (it) clocking a growth of 35 per cent over the same period last year," he told The Hindu.

About four hours' flight away from India, Abu Dhabi has a sizeable Indian population. Its carrier Etihad Airlines flies to ten Indian cities and has a code-share with Jet Airways. A new Sanjiv Kapoor restaurant has come up for the desi gastronome.

"We are looking seriously at weddings. We have upgraded our hotels, airports and tourism attractions," said Mr Dinshaw. Over half-a-dozen Indian weddings have taken place in hotels there, each event involving 250 people. Over 3,000 business tourists have already been there for meetings and conferences.

Between August 25 and 29, TCA officials are discussing strategies to promote the West Asian destination with tourism stakeholders in Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Ahmedabad and Delhi.

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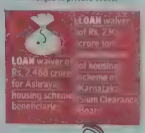

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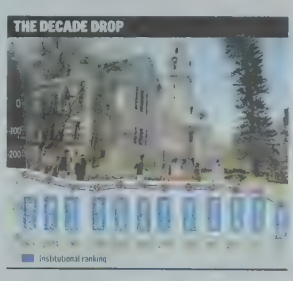

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Attestation parade

BANGALORE: As many as 81 recruits graduated from the Basic ... Regiment Training Centre at the Paratroopers Attestation Parade held here on Saturday after they successfully completed 34 weeks military training. They were reviewed by Engineer S.S. Tmaikar Commandant of the Para Brigade Regiment Training Centre. P. Vanlaluvana won the Gill Medal for overall best recruit and the Endurance Medal. The Ghadge Medal for the best firer was bagged by Lalpohlua. The Cheema Medal for the best recruit in Physical training was awarded to Ramu Sarkar and Chettri Medal for best recruit in drill was awarded to Sumith Nath who also commanded the parade, the release added. – Staff Reporter

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The task force had come out with a report that over 11 lakh acres of government land in the State had been encroached upon, including over 34,000 in and around Bangalore city. Asked about handing over the class C&D Lands to the Revenue Department (from the purview of the Forest Department), the Chief Minister said it would be addressed once the Cabinet sub-committee gave its report.

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On the state of affairs in the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which is being ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the government had ensured that there would be no more mortgaging of BBMP properties for obtaining loans.

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Attestation parade

BANGALORE: As many as 81 recruits graduated from the Parachute Regiment Training Centre at the Paratroopers Attestation Parade held here on Saturday after they successfully completed 34 weeks military training. They were reviewed by Brigadier S.S. Tinaikar, Commandant of the Parachute Regiment Training Centre. P. Vanlaltuvana won the Gill Medal for overall best recruit and the Endurance Medal. The Ghadge Medal for the best firer was bagged by Lalpohlua. The Cheema Medal for the best recruit in Physical training was awarded to Ramu Sarkar and Chettri Medal for best recruit in drill was awarded to Sumith Nath, who also commanded the parade, the release added. Staff Reporter

Painting courses

BANGALORE: The Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat will conduct [illegible] short term painting course and Mysore Traditional Painting course for adults on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It will also conduct 10 month weekend classes for children. According to a release, classes will commence from April first week. Call 080-22261816 or 080-22464424. Staff Reporter

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BANGALORE: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said here on Monday that the State government was examining the report submitted by V. Balasubramanian, chairperson of the Task force for Recovery of Public Lands in the State.

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The task force had come out with a report that over 11 lakh acres of government land in the State had been encroached upon, including over 34,000 in and around Bangalore city. Asked about handing over the class C&D Lands to the Revenue Department (from the purview of the Forest Department), the Chief Minister said it would be addressed once the Cabinet sub-committee gave its report.

The State government was also seized of the problems posed by wild animals, including elephants straying into human habitations. The Chief Minister said, "We have for the first time come out with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 212 crore to initiate steps to address the issues, including construction of barriers using discarded railway lines." He admitted that incidents of wild animals straying into human habitations had created fear among the people, which had also accounted for human casualties and destruction of crops.

On the state of affairs in the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which is being ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the government had ensured that there would be no more mortgaging of BBMP properties for obtaining loans.

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Twilight of the patriot and singer

From Govind Belgaumkar

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

He sacrificed everything — his energy, time and whatever money he could mobilise — and worked for the unification of Karnataka and took-lore which he has served for the last seven decades. Soon after Independence, he campaigned vigorously for candidates of the then Congress and ensured the election of many a

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The flesh is weak, but the spirit is not. Dr. Karimkhan reminiscing his past at his hospital room in Bangalore.

Culture Scope

[illegible] surviving today, gets Rs. 1,300 a month as interest.

After he fell in his tiny room in Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, here recently, he suffered a femur-bone fracture in the left hip-joint and is recovering at the Cambridge Nursing Home.

Dr. Karimkhan, 96, is the son of an army jawan in Afghanistan, who rebelled against the British at the age of 16, had sustained two bullet injuries and then migrated to India and settled in Sakleshpur in Hassan district. Though young Karimkhan had to abandon his studies after his first year in high school in Hassan, he read a number of books in several libraries. He was attracted to Gandhian philosophy and jumped into the freedom struggle in the early '30's.

During his campaign for the country's freedom in response to Gandhiji's call, he was jailed at least five times. He walked the length and breadth of Karnataka enlisting support.

After freedom was won, he devoted his time and energy for the unification of Karnataka. He fought for the inclusion of Bellary and Bidar districts into Karnataka, though the then Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, had vowed not to allow even an inch of those provinces to go to Karnataka. In the South, it was a fight for Kollegal and other regions which were in Tamil Nadu. That was till 1956.

Though Dr. Karimkhan was willing to join politics he was disappointed to see the caste-factor and vulgar show of money and muscle power taking over. Everyone started fighting like [illegible] for the seats and his self-esteem did [illegible] him to take the plunge amidst such [illegible]. He was particularly aghast to see [illegible] embracing Muslim League [illegible] who had opposed the former during the [illegible] struggle.

Principled stand

As he took a principled stand, everyone ignored him. He did not even get his freedom-fighters honorarium, because he did not meet a requirement getting signatures of at least two persons who were with him in jail. The whole world knows about his role in the struggle and the Government wants him to get signatures.

His laments, Mr. Gafarkhan, brother of Dr. Karimkhan, who is denied the facility. The only means of survival for him has been the meagre earnings from his writings and the old-age pension of Rs. 500, out of which Rs. 200 goes towards room rent.

Dr. Karimkhan went over to numerous colleges and sang folk-songs. Of them, 'Jamarayu Bandare Barigalli Baralilla...' continues to be popular. His folk songs had mass appeal when compared to classical music. Dr. Karimkhan says. At one point of time, he wrote lavanis (a folk-form) on Kittur Chennamma and sang them.

Having acquired mastery over Sanskrit, thanks to his guru Narayana Shastri, he translated the play 'Malati-Madhava' of Bhavabhuti into Kannada. He also translated 'Lalla Majnu' into Kannada. His other works include, 'Baldaniti Hasanain,' 'Neevuru' and 'Neehara,' collections of stories (latter on communal harmony) and plays such as 'Magadi Kempe Gowda,' 'Bangalore Kempe Gowda,' 'Nirdoshi' and 'Madhu Mohan.'

Interestingly, D. R. Naidu of Shyamaprasad Movies (producer of 'Kanakadasa'), took Dr. Karimkhan to Madras to write stories for his films. During his 10-year stay he wrote stories, dialogues and songs for films such as, 'Jeevana Taranga,' 'Chandrakumara,' 'Bevu Bella,' 'Devu Manava,' and 'Dombara Krishna,' among others. 'Swarna Gouri,' for which he wrote the story and all the songs, won the best film award. The song, 'Natavara Gangadhara...' is on the lips of most Kannadigas even today. He has written about 200 songs but has hardly any cassettes of these songs. He also wrote a series of songs on Dharmasthala.

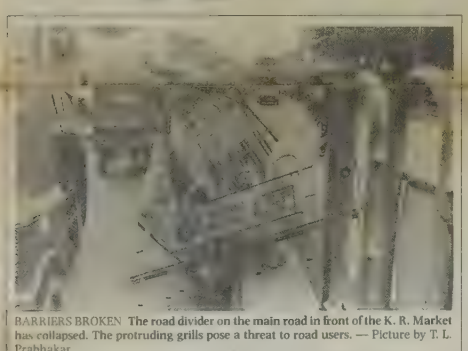
As president of Janapada Academy for three years, his major work was video-filming of the life-styles of about 20 tribes across the State. He published a number of Kannada works during his tenure. He filmed the Yakshaganas of both Badagutittu and Tenkanatittu styles. Mudalapaya (another form of Yakshagana in Mysore district) on Karibhanta' (which has unparalleled theme, according to Dr. Karimkhan), has also been filmed. He worked for the unity of Hindus and Muslims. 'You cannot expect anything from these leaders,' he says of modern-day netas,' whom he describes as 'cruel'. 'They are letting the people down in every way.' The fruits of freedom struggle are not being reached to the poor, he feels

Dr. Karimkhan has been awarded honorary doctorate by the Gulbarga University in recognition of his overall contributions.

Though he lived in penury all his life, he never sought anybody's help. He stays in a small room, inspite of his brother having a house in the city. According to his brother, once, the late Mudi Venkatesh Iyengar, came to his (Dr. Karimkhan's) room and offered to give all his wealth to him. Dr. Khan being what he is, declined the offer.

The Government has given him Rs. 25,000 for his medical expenses though he has spent almost double that sum, according to Mr. Gafarkhan

Dr. Karimkhan, even now speaks with clarity though vision in the right eye has weakened. He has remained a bachelor. Ask him why, 'I had no time for marriage,' he says. 'Indeed,' says his brother.



BARRIERS BROKEN The road divider on the main road in front of the K. R. Market has collapsed. The protruding grills pose a threat to road users. — Picture by T. L. Prabhakar

Villagers cut 200 valuable trees

From Our Correspondent

[illegible] About 200 valuable trees in the Manki forest area of Honnavar taluk in Uttara Kannada district were cut down indiscriminately by the villagers on the pretext that they provided obstruction to the electric line leading to their villages.

It is reported that nearly 150 people from Alalli, Adikeballi, Sampolli, Mundke, Margoli and Hadikal villages resorted to this act on the ground that the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) failed to set right the erratic supply to these villages despite repeated requests. The Forest officials booked a case against those villagers and recovered the tree logs worth Rs. 4 lakhs

The villagers were said to have pleaded that the trees were not cut for smuggling the wood.

The Forest officials admitted that the incident would not have occurred if they were more vigilant

Mr. G. Satish, Divisional Conservator of Forests, Honnavar forest division, said stern action would be taken. Even forest staff would not be spared if found guilty

Four Ministers meet Hegde

From Our Special Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

At least 4 Ministers are stated to have met the Nationmana Vedike leader, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde, today on his 70th birthday. It assumes significance in the wake of 6 Janata Dal MLCs joining the Vedike

Supporters and admirers of Mr. Hegde tonight hosted a dinner to celebrate the birthday. A few Ministers and Janata Dal members among others were said to have attended it.

IT returns counter timing extended

BANGALORE, Aug. 29

The Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (IT), Bangalore, has announced that the IT returns counter will remain open till 7 p.m. on Friday as August 31 is a holiday

Auto drivers express concern

BANGALORE, Aug 29

The Autorickshaw Drivers' Union has expressed concern about reports of attacks on autorickshaw drivers in Bangalore. It has urged the Government to take preventive measures

BJP, FKCCI urge Govt. to withdraw water rate hike

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The BJP has criticised the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSSB) for its decision to increase the water rates with effect from July 1.

In a statement, the party's MLA, Mr. Suresh Kumar, said the water rates per kilolitre for consumption up to 25,000 litres had been increased by 100 per cent. "The BWSSB has failed to provide regular water supply to the people The decision to increase water rates is unwise," he said. The move to increase the power tariff was opposed by the Opposition in the Assembly and the Government should reconsider the decision to hike water rates, he added

Mr. Suresh Kumar alleged that there was misappropriation of funds while computers were being installed for the Board The National Informatics Centre (NIC) had been asked to submit a report on installing computers and it had submitted its report free of cost. However, the Board asked a private computer firm to submit a report and paid it Rs. 17.50 lakhs for the work The reports submitted by the NIC and the private firms were similar, and this gave room for suspicion

The MLA said though the Board had been saying that there was no money for improving the water supply system, it had created several senior posts to promote certain officials

He alleged that one post of Chief Engineer, three posts of Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineers were created. Steps were being taken to provide separate offices to these officials, and this would cost the Exchequer Rs. 4 crores, he said

Though the BWSSB was a much smaller organisation compared with the Bangalore City Corporation, it had more Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers than the Corporation

Mr Ramachandra Gowda, MLA, criticised the BWSSB decision. He said the announcement was made a day after the Legislative Assembly session, and this showed that the Board had no regard for the Legislature

Mr K M Srinivasa Murthy, Pres dent of the Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), [illegible] increase in water tariff. He said that the increase ranged from 13 per cent to 92 per cent.

"Coming close on the heels of the increase in the power tariff and the price of petroleum products, this will have a cascading effect. The present situation is due to the failure of the Government departments to economise and reduce the expenditure both on capital account," he said in a statement.

The Karnataka Peace Foundation also urged the Government to withdraw the hike in water rates. It said it would launch an agitation if the Government failed to do so

Town Hall-Sirsi Circle flyover in 30 months

From Our Staff Reporter

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The Bangalore City Corporation (BCC) Commissioner, Mr. B. Parthasarathy, said on Thursday that preliminary work on the flyover from Town Hall to Sirsi Circle had begun and the flyover was expected to be constructed in 30 months

Speaking at a function organised by CIVIC, a citizens' group here, he said the project would cost a whopping Rs. 94 crores. The BCC would bear one-third of the cost and the rest required would be got as loans from HUDCO and the Karnataka Infrastructural Development Corporation Limited. HUDCO had recently granted the loan. The loans would be repaid with interest by the BCC.

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Put off CET counselling by two weeks, says HC

From Legal Our Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

A Bench of [illegible] Court today directed the postponement of the counselling and the admission process by the CET by two weeks.

The order was made in a public interest writ petition filed in the High Court in which an allegation was made that professional institutions were making admissions in excess of the quota allotted to them

The Court had earlier directed the Registrar (Vigilance) to conduct an enquiry regarding this and submit a report. In compliance with the order of the Court, the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, filed a preliminary statement of objections and submitted that if the counselling, which was to commence on Friday, was postponed it would cause inconvenience to candidates who might have reached Bangalore for [illegible] in the counselling. It was further pleaded that fixing other dates for counselling might lead to further expenses. It was submitted that counselling for MBBS BDS courses "for Karnataka students" had been fixed between August 30 and September 21 and for engineering students between September 5 and September 16. For non-Karnataka students the schedule was between September 27 and October 26.

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Backward class people urged to unite

KOLAR, Aug. 29.

Mr. V. R. Sudarshan, MLC, has urged the backward communities to unite and fight for their rights. Speaking at a function to celebrate the birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs here recently, he said Devaraj Urs had worked for the betterment of backward class people

Mr. H. D. Revanna, former Minister, spoke. Mr. B. K. Ravi, president of the State unit of the Kanaka Yuva Sene alleged that the Government had been adopting a 'negative' policy towards the backward sections Mr. K. B. Srinivasamurthy of the Sene welcomed the gathering. Mr Narayanaswamy proposed a vote of thanks

IN BRIEF

AIR programme: All India Radio (AIR), Bangalore, will broadcast 'Jenkara', a programme of Dr. Vasanth Kushtagi, at 6-20 p.m. on September 4. Songs by Mr. Vijayanarasimha on Lord Krishna, set to music by Mr. T. Srinivas, would be included in the programme

Yoga camp: A 15-day yoga therapy treatment camp for persons suffering from nasal allergy, asthma, diabetes, hypertension and obesity would be held at the Vivekananda Research Foundation, 19 Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh Circle (phone 6612669). The camp will begin on September 2

Office-bearers: The following are office-bearers of the KEONICS Employees Association: Mr. G. R. Shivashankar (president), Mr. R. Krishna Murthy and Mr. Nanja Mari (vice-presidents), Mr. Lingaiah (general secretary), Mr. M. Thope Gowda (organising secretary), Mr. B. N. Gopalakrishna and Mr. K. V. Mane Gowda (joint secretaries). Mr. N. Virupakshayya (assistant secretary) and Mr. M. S. Subramanya (treasurer)

Belgaum lawyers' strike continues

From Our Staff Correspondent

BELGAUM, Aug. 29

The relay hunger strike launched by the local Bar Association demanding the setting up of a High Court Bench in Belgaum entered the 10th day today.

Thirty junior lawyers participated in the strike today. Among them were the Association vice-president, Mr. Dhanaraj Gavali, and former Minister, Mr. Om Prakash Asangi. Mr. Kanagali is a former president of the Bar Association

Mr. Ramesh Jigajinagi, Minister for Revenue and District Minister, visited the venue

Mr. A. Ramdas, BJP MLA from Krishnaraj constituency and president, BJP Yuva Morcha and Mr. Rajendra Gokhale, Morcha's national secretary, also met the lawyers. They are reported to have expressed support

Water levels

BANGALORE, Aug. 29

The following is the water levels in major reservoirs of the State on Thursday:

Linganamakki: Level: 1,791.20 ft. inflow 12,000 cusecs.

[illegible] Level: 535.10 metres, inflow: 7,427 cusecs.

Mani: Level: 585.69 m inflow 3,773 cusecs.

Hatthalla: Level 457.80 m, inflow, 188 cusecs.

ENGAGEMENTS

Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana: Sri Krishna Raghavendra Seva Trust, Banaswadi Main Road Ramamandi, 7 a.m. "Sri Raghavendra Seva Samithi Trust, Kengeri Satellite Town, 7-30 a.m. Sri Krishna Gurudaja Seva Samiti, Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha, Poornaprajnanagar, 9 a.m., Sri Vedamandira Ashrama, 420, 7th Main Road, Rajajinagar II Stage (near Vivekananda College), 10 a.m.

Paramartha Vichara Sangha: Nishkarmya Siddhi, by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, Adhyatma Mandiram, Vishveshwarapuram, 7-45 a.m.

Adhyatma Prakasha Karyalaya: Discourse on Vedanta prakriya by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, 68, 2nd Block, Thyagarajanagar, 9 a.m.

Ramakrishna Math: Viveka Chudamani' by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, Bull Temple Road, 5-45 p.m.

Sri Shankar Jayanthi Mandali: Dr. M. S. Rangachar speaks on "Kathopanishat," 45, Jayanagar 3rd Block, 6-30 p.m.

Maharshi Institute of Management: Slide show presentation on "Transcedental meditation" by Mr. D. L. Prabhakar and Mr. Benjamin, 34, First Main Road, Seshadripuram, 6-30 p.m.

Vishveswarapuram Arts and Commerce College: Inauguration of cultural activities, K. R. Road, 11 a.m.

Alumni Association, University Agricultural Sciences: Symposium on "Eco-friendly insects and micro organisms," Dr. G. K. Veeresh, Vice-Chancellor, delivers the inaugural address, Old Agricultural College auditorium, Bellary Road Hebbal, 2 p.m.

Sahitya Sangha: T. R. Shamanna memorial lecture, Mr. M. Chandrashekar and Mr. V. S. Krishna Iyer, former Ministers, speak on "Bangalore's problems and solutions," Women's Peace League auditorium, Shankaramath Road, 5-30 p.m.

Society for the Unified Vidata: Mr. V. N. Ravikumar delivers a lecture on "Human values," Jayanagar 3rd Block, 6-30 p.m.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan: A panel discussion on 'Highways and byways in Advaita," Race Course Road, 6 p.m.

World Wide Fund for Nature-India: Screening of the film, "Private life for plants - part 5," Raman Research Institute, Sadashivanagar, 6-30 p.m.

Rotary Bangalore Downtown: Classification display and light music by Ms. Gargi Yakkundi, Hotel Rama, Lavelle Road, 7 p.m.

Rotary Bangalore Rajamahal Vilas: Mr. I. S. Gulhati speaks on "World of flavours and fragrances," 5, 10th Cross, RMV Extension, 7 p.m.

Association of Physicians of India: Discussion on "interesting cases," IMA Auditorium, IMA House, Air Venkata Rao Road, 7-30 p.m.

National Institute of Advanced Studies: Veena by Mr. D. Balakrishna, Indian Institute of Science, Malleswaram, 7 p.m.

Patel seeks early allotment of iron ore lease

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The Chief Minister, Mr. J. H. Patel, met Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya, Union Minister of State for Steel and Mines, today in Delhi and urged him for early allotment of iron ore leases for steel plants coming up in the Bellary-Hospet zone.

He held discussions on gold prospects in the State and demanded framing of policy guidelines on the same by the Union Government, according to a press release here today.

The Chief Minister stressed that the Centre should take over complete rights of the State's share in the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited

The Chief Minister lauded the Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram, for starting an Infrastructure Development Finance Company with a share capital of Rs. 5,000 crores. He appealed to Mr. Chidambaram to make Bangalore its headquarters. He sought sanction of short-term loans from financial institutions for starting cooperative sugar units. The Finance Minister assured the Chief Minister that he would give instructions to financial institutions

Mr. Patel thanked the Finance Minister for recommending assistance from Asian Development Bank for Urban Development Programme in the coastal districts of the State. Mr. Chidamburam appreciated the Government's efforts in the field of urban infrastructure development.

The Chief Minister met Mr. T. G. Venkatraman, Minister for Surface Transport and urged him to clear the pending projects of the State including national highway proposal from Srirangapatna to Bidar, Yelahanka bypass near Bangalore on National Highway 7, construction of bridges near Yelahanka on National Highway 7 and improvement on Inter-State highway connecting Mysore and Satyamangala in Tamil Nadu.

In his meeting with Mr. Venugopalachari, Minister of State for Power, Mr. Patel demanded early clearance of State's power projects, especially the Cogentrix. Considering the power crisis in the State, the Union Minister said that he would make efforts to clear all the pending projects.

The Chief Minister highlighted the initiative taken by his Government to take up small power projects to provide immediate solution to the grim power situation

Mr. Patel met Mr. Srikant Jena, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism and informed him about the potential for tourism development in the State.

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Dr. Karimkhan has been awarded honorary doctorate by the Gulbarga University in recognition of his overall contributions.

Though he lived in penury all his life, he never sought anybody's help. He stays in a small room, inspite of his brother having a house in the city. According to his brother, once, the late Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, came to his (Dr. Karimkhan's) room and offered to give all his wealth to him. Dr. Khan being what he is, declined the offer.

The Government has given him Rs. 25,000 for his medical expenses though he has spent almost double that sum, according to Mr. Gafarkhan.

Dr. Karimkhan, even now speaks with clarity though vision in the right eye has weakened. He has remained a bachelor. Ask him why. 'I had no time for marriage,' he says. 'Indeed,' says his brother.

Four Ministers meet Hegde

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At least 4 Ministers are stated to have met the Navanirmana Vedike leader, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde, today on his 70th birthday. It assumes significance in the wake of 6 Janata Dal MLCs joining the Vedike.

Supporters and admirers of Mr. Hegde tonight hosted a dinner to celebrate the birthday. A few Ministers and Janata Dal members among others were said to have attended it.

IT returns counter timing extended

BANGALORE, Aug. 29

The Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (IT), Bangalore, has announced that the IT returns counter will remain open till 7 p.m. on Friday as August 31 is a holiday.

Auto drivers express concern

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The Autorickshaw Drivers' Union has expressed concern about reports of attacks on autorickshaw drivers in Bangalore. It has urged the Government to take preventive measures

Town Hall-Sirsi Circle flyover in 30 months

From Our Staff Reporter

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The Bangalore City Corporation (BCC) Commissioner, Mr. B. Parthasarathy, said on Thursday that preliminary work on the flyover from Town Hall to Sirsi Circle had begun and the flyover was expected to be constructed in 30 months.

Speaking at a function organised by CIVIC, a citizens' group here, he said the project would cost a whopping Rs. 94 crores. The BCC would bear one-third of the cost and the rest required would be got as loans from HUDCO and the Karnataka Infrastructural Development Corporation Limited. HUDCO had recently granted the loan. The loans would be repaid with interest by the BCC.

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BJP, FKCCI urge Govt. to withdraw water rate hike

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The BJP has criticised the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSS) for its decision to increase the water rates with effect from July 1.

In a statement, the party's MLA, Mr. Suresh Kumar, said the water rates per kilolitre for consumption up to 25,000 litres had been increased by 100 per cent. "The BWSSB has failed to provide regular water supply to the people. The decision to increase water rates is unwise," he said. The move to increase the power tariff was opposed by the Opposition in the Assembly and the Government should reconsider the decision to hike water rates, he added.

Mr. Suresh Kumar alleged that there was misappropriation of funds while computers were being installed for the Board. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) had been asked to submit a report on installing computers and it had submitted its report free of cost. However, the Board asked a private computer firm to submit a report and paid it Rs. 17.50 lakhs for the work. The reports submitted by the NIC and the private firms were similar, and this gave room for suspicion.

The MLA said though the Board had been saying that there was no money for improving its water supply system, it had created several senior posts to promote certain officials.

He alleged that one post of Chief Engineer, three posts of Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineers were created. Steps were being taken to provide separate offices to these officials, and this would cost the Exchequer Rs. 4 crores, he said.

Though the BWSSB was a much smaller organisation compared with the Bangalore City Corporation, it had more Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers than the Corporation.

Mr. Ramachandra Gowda, BJP MLC, criticised the BWSSB decision. He said the announcement was made a day after the Legislature Assembly session, and this showed that the Board had no regard for the Legislature.

Mr. K. M. Srinivasa Murthy, President of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), also opposed the increase in water tariff. He said the increase ranged from 15 per cent to [illegible] per cent.

"Coming close on the heels of the increase in the power tariff and the prices of petroleum products, this will have an inflationary impact. The present situation is due to the failure of Government departments to economise and reduce the expenditure both on salaries and revenue account," he said in a statement.

The Karnataka Peace Foundation appealed to the Government to withdraw the hike in water rates. It said it would launch an agitation if the Government failed to do so.

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From Our Correspondent

About 200 valuable trees in the Manki forest area of Honnavar taluk in Uttara Kannada district were cut down indiscriminately by the villagers on the pretext that they provided obstruction to the electric line leading to their villages.

It is reported that nearly 150 people from Alalli, Adikeballi, Sampolli, Mundke, Margoli and Hadikal villages resorted to this act on the ground that the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) failed to set right the erratic supply to these villages despite repeated requests. The Forest officials booked a case against those villagers and recovered the tree logs worth Rs. 4 lakhs.

The villagers were said to have pleaded that the trees were not cut for smuggling the wood.

The Forest officials admitted that the incident would not have occurred if they were more vigilant.

Mr. G. Satish, Divisional Conservator of Forests, Honnavar forest division, said stern action would be taken. Even forest staff would not be spared if found guilty

Belgaum lawyers' strike continues

From Our Staff Correspondent

BELGAUM, Aug. 29

The relay hunger strike launched by the local Bar Association demanding the setting up of a High Court Bench in Belgaum entered the 10th day today.

Thirty junior lawyers participated in the strike today. Among them were the Association vice-president, Mr. Dhanaraj Gavali, and former Minister, Mr. Om Prakash Kanagali. Mr. Kanagali is a former president of the Bar Association

Mr. Ramesh Jigajinagi, Minister for Revenue and District Minister, visited the venue

Mr. A. Ramdas, BJP MLA from Krishnaraj constituency and president, BJP Yuva Morcha, and Mr. Rajendra Gokhale, Morcha's national secretary, also met the lawyers. They are reported to have expressed support

Water levels

BANGALORE, Aug. 29

The following is the water levels in major reservoirs of the State on Thursday.

Krishnarajasagar: Level 1,791.20 ft. inflow: [illegible]

Tungabhadra: [illegible] 10 metres, inflow 7,427 cusecs

Hemavathy: [illegible] ft. inflow: 1,773 cusecs

Kabini: [illegible] ft. inflow: 188 cusecs

ENGAGEMENTS

Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana: Sri Krishna Raghavendra Seva Trust, Banaswadi Main Road Banaswadi 7 a.m. Sri Raghavendra Seva Samithi Trust, Kengeri Satellite Town, 7-30 a.m.; Sri Krishna Gururaja Seva Samiti, Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha Poornaprajnanagar, 9 a.m., Sri Subhananda Ashrama, 420, 7th Main Road, Rajajinagar II Stage (near Vivekananda College) 10 a.m.

Paramartha Vichara Sangha: Nishkarmya Siddhi, by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma Adhyatma Mandiram, Vishveshwarapuram, 7-45 a.m.

Adhyatma Prakasha Karyalaya: Discourse on 'Vedanta prakriya' by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, 88, 2nd Block, Thyagarajanagar, 9 a.m.

Ramakrishna Math: 'Viveka Chudamani' by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, Bull Temple Road, 5-45 p.m.

Sri Shankar Jayanthi Mandali: Dr. M. S. Ranganchar speaks on "Kathopanishat," 45, Jayanagar 3rd Block, 6-30 p.m.

Maharshi Institute of Management: Slide show presentation on "Transcendental meditation" by Mr. D. L. Prabhakar and Mr. Benjamin, 34, First Main Road, Sheshadripuram, 6-30 p.m.

Vishveswarapuram Arts and Commerce College: Inauguration of cultural activities, K. R. Road, 11 a.m.

Alumni Association, University Agricultural Sciences: Symposium on "Eco-friendly insects and micro organisms," Dr. G. K. Veeresh, Vice-Chancellor, delivers the inaugural address, Old Agricultural College auditorium, Bellary Road, Hebbal, 2 p.m.

Sahitya Sangha: T. R. Shamanna memorial lecture, Mr. M. Chandrashekar and Mr. V. S. Krishna Iyer, former Ministers, speak on "Bangalore's problems and solutions," Women's Peace League auditorium, Shankaramath Road, 5-30 p.m.

Society for the Unified Vision: Mr. V. N. Ravikumar delivers a lecture on "Human values," Jayanagar 9th Block, 6-30 p.m.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan: A panel discussion on 'Highways and byways in Advaita," Race Course Road, 6 p.m.

World Wide Fund for Nature-India: Screening of the film, "Private life for plants - part 5," Raman Research Institute, Sadashivanagar, 6-30 p.m.

Rotary Bangalore Downtown: Classification display and light music by Ms. Gargi Yakkundi, Hotel Rama, Lavelle Road, 7 p.m.

Rotary Bangalore Rajamahal Vilas: Mr. I. S. Gulhati speaks on "World of flavours and fragrances," 5, 10th Cross, RMV Extension, 7 p.m.

Association of Physicians of India: Discussion on "Interesting cases," IMA Auditorium, IMA House, Airr Venkata Rao Road, 7-30 p.m.

National Institute of Advanced Studies: Veena by Mr. D. Balakrishna, Indian Institute of Science, Malleswaram, 7 p.m.

Patel seeks early allotment of iron ore lease

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The Chief Minister, Mr. J. H. Patel, met Mr Birendra Prasad Baishya, Union Minister of State for Steel and Mines, today in Delhi and urged him for early allotment of iron ore leases for steel plants coming up in the Bellary-Hospet zone

He held discussions on gold prospects in the State and demanded framing of policy guidelines on the same by the Union Government, according to a press release here today

The Chief Minister stressed that the Centre should take over complete rights of the State's share in the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited.

The Chief Minister lauded the Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram, for starting an Infrastructure Development Finance Company with a share capital of Rs. 5,000 crores. He appealed to Mr. Chidambaram to make Bangalore its headquarters. He sought sanction of short-term loans from financial institutions for starting co-operative sugar units. The Finance Minister assured the Chief Minister that he would give instructions to financial institutions

Mr. Patel thanked the Finance Minister for recommending assistance from Asian Development Bank for Urban Development Programme in the coastal districts of the State. Mr. Chidamburam appreciated the Governmnet's efforts in the field of urban infrastructure development

The Chief Minister met Mr. T. G. Venkatraman, Minister for Surface Transport and urged him to clear the pending projects of the State including national highway proposal from Srirangapatna to Bidar, Yelahanka bypass near Bangalore on National Highway 7, construction of bridges near Yelahanka on National Highway 7 and improvement on Inter-State highway connecting Mysore and Satyamangala in Tamil Nadu

In his meeting with Mr. Venugopalachari, Minister of State for Power, Mr. Patel demanded early clearance of State's power projects, especially the Cogentrix. Considering the power crisis in the State, the Union Minister said that he would make efforts to clear all the pending projects.

The Chief Minister highlighted the initiative taken by his Government to take up small power projects to provide immediate solution to the grim power situation.

Mr. Patel met Mr. Srikant Jena, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism and informed him about the potential for tourism development in the State.

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The BJP has criticised the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSS) for its decision to increase the water rates with effect from July 1.

In a statement, the party's MLA, Mr. Suresh Kumar, said the water rates per kilolitre for consumption up to 25,000 litres had been increased by 100 per cent. "The BWSSB has failed to provide regular water supply to the people The decision to increase water rates is unwise," he said. The move to increase the power tariff was opposed by the Opposition in the Assembly and the Government should reconsider the decision to hike water rates, he added.

Mr. Suresh Kumar alleged that there was misappropriation of funds while computers were being installed for the Board The National Informatics Centre (NIC) had been asked to submit a report on installing computers and it had submitted its report free of cost. However, the Board asked a private computer firm to submit a report and paid it Rs. 17.50 lakhs for the work. The reports submitted by the NIC and the private firms were similar, and this gave room for suspicion.

The MLA said though the Board had been saying that there was no money for improving the water supply system, it had created several senior posts to promote certain officials

He alleged that one post of Chief Engineer three posts of Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineers were created. Steps were being taken to provide separate offices to these officials, and this would cost the Exchequer Rs. 4 crores, he said

Though the BWSSB was a much smaller organisation compared with the Bangalore City Corporation, it had more Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers than the Corporation

Mr. Ramachandra Gowda, BJP MLC, criticised the BWSSB decision. He said the announcement was made a day after the Legislative Assembly session, and this showed that the Board had no regard for the Legislature

Mr. K. M. Srinivasa Murthy President of the Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), also opposed the increase in water tariff. He said that the increase ranged from 13 per cent to 92 per cent

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He said there was a nine per cent increase in the number of vehicles every year. Out of the 17 lakh vehicles in the State, more than half were in Bangalore. The rest touched the City at least on a couple of occasions every year. He sought the cooperation of the people during the period of construction of the flyover

Derive inspiration from Vietnam, students told

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Mr. Nittoor Srinivasa Rao, former Chief Justice of Mysore High Court, today hoped that the students would derive inspiration from Vietnamese students, who had fought against the U.S. in defence of their nation's interests

Inaugurating an open session of the third State-level conference of the All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) here students took part in the movements against injustice

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Train timings revised

Put off CET counselling by two weeks, says HC

From Legal Our Correspondent

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The Bench of [illegible] Court today directed the postponement of the counselling and the admission process by the CET by two weeks.

The order was made in a public interest writ petition filed in the High Court in which an allegation was made that professional institutions were making admissions in excess of the quota allotted to them.

The Court had earlier directed the Registrar (Vigilance) to conduct an enquiry regarding this and submit a report. In compliance with the order of the Court, the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, filed a preliminary statement of objections and submitted that if the counselling, which was to commence on Friday, was postponed it would cause inconvenience to candidates who might have reached Bangalore for such counselling. It was further pleaded that taking other dates for counselling might lead to further expenses. It was submitted that counselling for MBBS-BDS courses "for non-Karnataka students" had been fixed between August 30 and September 21 and for engineering students between September 5 and September 16. For non-Karnataka students the schedule was between September 27 and October 26.

After arguments, the Judge observed that the Government, by its letter of May 23, 1996, had communicated that at least 10 dental colleges were yet to be granted approval or permission. It was also advised in the communication that students seeking admission to these colleges should be warned that their admission was subject to sanction.

The Judge further observed that it was that the counselling process could be completed by allowing admissions to some colleges and postponing the same in oth[illegible]

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FORECAST

Backward class people urged to unite

KOLAR, Aug 29

Mr. V. R. Sudarshan, MLC has urged the backward communities to unite and fight for their rights. Speaking at a function to celebrate the birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs here recently, he said Devaraj Urs had worked for the betterment of backward class people

Mr. H. D. Revanna, former Minister, spoke. Mr. B. K. Ravi, president of the State unit of the Kunaka Yuva Sene, alleged that the Government had been adopting a 'negative' policy towards the backward sections. Mr. K. B. Srinivasamurthy of the Sene welcomed the gathering. Mr Narayanaswamy proposed a vote of thanks

IN BRIEF

AIR programme: All India Radio (AIR), Bangalore, will broadcast Venkatara[illegible], a programme of lessons in singing at 6-20 p.m. on September 2. Mr. M. Vijayanarasimha on Lord Krishna, set to music by Mr T. Srinivas, would be included in the programme

Yoga camp: A 15-day yoga therapy treatment camp for persons suffering from nasal allergy, asthma, diabetes, hypertension and obesity would be held at the Vivekanada Research Foundation, 19 Lalbagh Main Gate, Lalbagh Circle (phone 6612669). The camp will begin on September 2

Office-bearers: The following are office-bearers of the KEONICS Employees Association: Mr. G. R. Shivashankar (president), Mr. R. Krishna Murthy and Mr Nanja Mari (vice-presidents), Mr. Linganah (general secretary), Mr. M. Thope Gowda (organising secretary), Mr. B. N. Gopalakrishna and Mr. K. V. Mune Gowda (joint secretaries), Mr. N. Virupakshayya (assistant secretary) and Mr M. S. Subramanyu (treasurer)

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Twilight of the patriot and singer

From Govind Belgaumkar

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During his campaign for the country's freedom in response to Gandhiji's call, he was jailed at least five times. He walked the length and breadth of Karnataka enlisting support.

After freedom was won, he devoted his time and energy for the unification of Karnataka. He fought for the inclusion of Bellary and Bidar districts into Karnataka, though the then Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, had vowed not to allow even an inch of [illegible] provinces to go to Karnataka. In the [illegible] it was a fight for Kollegal and other regions which were in Tamil Nadu. That was till 1956.

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Principled stand

As he took a principled stand, everyone ignored him. He did not even get his freedom-fighter's honorarium, because he did not meet a [illegible]nt getting signatures of at least two persons who were with him in jail. The whole world knows about his role in the struggle and [illegible] Government wants him to get signatures.

The flesh is weak, but the spirit is not. Dr. Karimkhan reminiscing his past at his hospital room in Bangalore.

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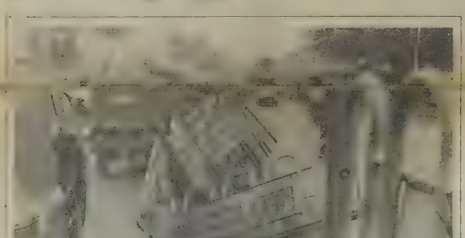

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The Supreme Court [illegible] Court today directed the postponement of the counselling and the admission process by the CET by two weeks.

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The Court had earlier directed the Registrar (Vigilance) to conduct an enquiry regarding this and submit a report. In compliance with the order of the Court, the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, filed a preliminary statement of objections and submitted that if the counselling, which was to commence on Friday, was postponed it would cause inconvenience to candidates who might have reached Bangalore for participating in the counselling. It was further pleaded that any other date for counselling might lead to further expenses. It was submitted that counselling for MBBS/BDS courses "for Karnataka students" had been fixed between August 30 and September 21 and for engineering students between September 5 and September 16. For non-Karnataka students the schedule was between September 27 and October 26.

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Backward class people urged to unite

KOLAR, Aug. 29

Mr. V. R. Sudarshan, MLC, has urged the backward communities to unite and fight for their rights. Speaking at a function to celebrate the birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs here recently, he said Devaraj Urs had worked for the betterment of backward class people.

Mr. H. D. Revanna, former Minister, spoke. Mr. B. K. Ravi, president of the State unit of the Kuruba Yuva Sene, alleged that the Government had been adopting a 'negative' policy towards the backward sections. Mr. K. B. Srinivasamurthy of the Sene welcomed the gathering. Mr. Narayanaswamy proposed a vote of thanks.

IN BRIEF

AIR programmes: All India Radio (AIR), Bangalore, will broadcast 'Zenkara' a programme of lessons in singing, at 6-20 p.m. on September 4. Poems by Mr. Vijayanarasimha on Lord Krishna, set to music by Mr. T. Srinivas, would be included in the programme.

Yoga camp: A 15-day yoga therapy treatment camp for persons suffering from nasal allergy, asthma, diabetes, hypertension and obesity would be held at the Vivekananda Research Foundation, 19 Gavipuram Circle (phone 6612669). The camp will begin on September 2.

Office-bearers: The following are office-bearers of the KEONICS Employees Association: Mr. G. R. Shivashankar (president), Mr. R. Krishna Murthy and Mr. Nanja Mari (vice-presidents), Mr. Linguaah (general secretary), Mr. M. Thope Gowda (organising secretary), Mr. B. N. Gopalakrishna and Mr. K. V. Mune Gowda (joint secretaries), Mr. N. Virupakshayya (assistant secretary) and Mr M. S. Subramanyu (treasurer).

Belgaum lawyers' strike continues

From Our Staff Correspondent

BELGAUM, Aug. 29

The relay hunger strike launched by the local Bar Association demanding the setting up of a High Court Bench in Belgaum entered the 10th day today.

Thirty junior lawyers participated in the strike. Among them were the Association vice-president, Mr. Dhanaraj Gavali, and former Minister, Mr. Om Prakash Kanagali. Mr. Kanagali is a former president of the Bar Association.

Mr Ramesh Jigajinagi, Minister for Revenue and District Minister visited the venue.

Mr. A. Ramdas, BJP MLA from Krishnaraja constituency and president, BJP Yuva Morcha, and Mr. Rajendra Gokhale, Morcha's national secretary, also met the lawyers. They are reported to have expressed support.

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BANGALORE, Aug. 29

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Patel seeks early allotment of iron ore lease

From Our Special Correspondent

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The Chief Minister, Mr. J. H. Patel, met Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya, Union Minister of State for Steel and Mines, today in Delhi and urged him for early allotment of iron ore leases for steel plants coming up in the Bellary-Hospet area.

He held discussions on gold prospects in the State and demanded framing of policy guidelines on the same by the Union Government, according to a press release here today.

The Chief Minister stressed that the Centre should take over complete rights of the State's share in the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited.

The Chief Minister lauded the Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram, for starting an infrastructure Development Finance Company with a share capital of Rs. 5,000 crores. He appealed to Mr. Chidambaram to make Bangalore its headquarters. He sought sanction of short-term loans from financial institutions for starting cooperative sugar units. The Finance Minister assured the Chief Minister that he would give instructions to financial institutions.

Mr Patel thanked the Finance Minister for recommending assistance from Asian Development Bank for Urban Development Programme in the coastal districts of the State. Mr. Chidambaram appreciated the Governmnet's efforts in the field of urban infrastructure development.

The Chief Minister met Mr. T. G. Venkatraman, Minister for Surface Transport and urged him to clear the pending projects of the State including national highway proposal from Srirangapatna to Bidar, Yelahanka bypass near Bangalore on National Highway 7, construction of bridges near Yelahanka on National Highway 7 and improvement on inter-State highway connecting Mysore and Satyamangala in Tamil Nadu.

In his meeting with Mr. Venugopalachari, Minister of State for Power, Mr. Patel demanded early clearance of State's power projects, especially the Cogentrix. Considering the power crisis in the State, the Union Minister said that he would make efforts to clear all the pending projects.

The Chief Minister highlighted the initiative taken by his Government to take up small power projects to provide immediate solution to the grim power situation.

Mr. Patel met Mr. Srikant Jena, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism and informed him about the potential for tourism development in the State.

ENGAGEMENTS

Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana: Sri Krishna Raghavendra Seva Trust, Sanjeevaiah Main Road, Parvathipuram, 7 a.m. Sri Raghavendra [illegible] Samithi Trust, Kengeri Satellite Town, 7-30 a.m. Sri Krishna Gaurava Seva Samiti, Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha, Poornaprajnanagar, 9 a.m. Sri Subramanya Ashrama, 42/6, 7th Main Road, Pattalnagar II Stage (near Vivekananda College), 9-45 a.m.

Parmartha Vichara Sangha: Nishkarmya Siddhi by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, Adhyatma Mandiram, Vishweswarapuram, 7-45 a.m.

Adhyatma Prakasha Karyalaya: Discourse on Mahanta prakshya by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, 68, 2nd Block, Thyagarajanagar, 9 a.m.

Ramakrishna Math: Viveka Chudamani by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, Bull Temple Road, 5-45 p.m.

Sri Shankar Jayanthi Mandali: Dr. M. R. Rangachar speaks on "Kathopanishat," 45, Jayanagar 3rd Block, 6-30 p.m.

Maharshi Institute of Management: Slide show presentation on "Transcedental meditation" by Mr. D. L. Prabhaker and Mr. Benjamin, 34 First Main Road, Seshadripuram, 6-30 p.m.

Vishveswarapuram Arts and Commerce College: Inauguration of cultural activities, K. R. Road, 11 a.m.

Alumni Association, University Agricultural Sciences: Symposium on "Eco-friendly insects and micro organisms," Dr. G. K. Veeresh, Vice-Chancellor, delivers the inaugural address, Old Agricultural College auditorium, Bellary Road, Hebbal, 2 p.m.

Sahitya Sangha: T. R. Shamanna memorial lecture, Mr. M. Chandrashekar and Mr. V. S. Krishna Iyer, former Ministers, speak on "Bangalore's problems and solutions," Women's Peace League auditorium, Shankaramath Road, 5-30 p.m.

Society for the Unified Vision: Mr. V. N. Ravikumar delivers a lecture on "Human values," C. V. Raman Nagar, 6 p.m.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan: A panel discussion on "Highways and byways in Advaita," Race Course Road, 6 p.m.

World Wide Fund for Nature-India: Screening of the film, "Private life for plants - part 5," Raman Research Institute, Sadashivanagar, 6-30 p.m.

Rotary Bangalore Downtown: Classification display and light music by Ms. Gargi Yakkundi, Hotel Rama, Lavelle Road, 7 p.m.

Rotary Bangalore Rajamahal Vilas: Mr. I. S. Gulhati speaks on "World of flavours and fragrances," 5, 10th Cross, RMV Extension, 7 p.m.

Association of Physicians of India: Discussion on "interesting cases," IMA Auditorium, IMA House, Alur Venkata Rao Road, 7-30 p.m.

National Institute of Advanced Studies: Veena by Mr. D. Balakrishna, Indian Institute of Science, Malleswaram, 7 p.m.

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Twilight of the patriot and singer

From Govind Belgaumkar

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He sacrificed everything — his energy time and whatever money he could mobilise — and worked for the unification of Karnataka and took note, which he has served for the last seven decades. Soon after Independence, he campaigned vigorously for candidates of the then Congress and ensured the election of many o[f] us.

But he spent most of his life in penury. That is the nonagenarian, Dr. S. K. Karimkhan. The Janapadasri' award presented to him in December last earned him Rs. 1 lakh, as a fixed deposit in his name. Dr Karimkhan, the last of the

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Gandhian surviving today, gets Rs. 1,300 a [month] as interest.

After he fell in his tiny room in Dwaraka Hotel Bull Temple Road, here recently, he suffered a femur-bone [fracture] in the left hip-joint and is recuperating at the Sanjivini Nursing Home.

Dr. Karimkhan, 96, is the son of an army man in Afghanistan, who rebelled against the [British] at the age of 16, had sustained two bullet [injuries] and then migrated to India and settled [down] in Shahapur in Hassan district. Though young [Karim]khan had to abandon his studies after his [matriculation] from the High School in Hassan, he read a number of books in several libraries. He was [influenced] by Gandhian philosophy and jumped [into the] freedom struggle in the early '30's.

During his campaign for the country's freedom in response to Gandhiji's call, he was jailed at least five times. He walked the length and breadth of Karnataka enlisting support.

After freedom was won, he devoted his time and energy for the unification of Karnataka. He fought for the inclusion of Bellary and Bidar districts into Karnataka, though the then Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, had vowed not to allow even an inch of those provinces to go to Karnataka. In the South, it was a fight for Kollegal and other regions, which were in Tamil Nadu. That was till 1956.

Though Dr. Karimkhan was willing to join politics, he was disappointed to see the caste factor and vulgar show of money and muscle power taking over. Everyone started fighting like race-horses for the seats and his self-esteem did not allow him to take the plunge amidst such atmosphere. He was particularly aghast to see [Congress] leaders 'embracing' Muslim League [leaders] and opposed the former during the freedom struggle.

Principled stand

As he took a principled stand, everyone ignored him. He did not even get his freedom-fighters honorarium, because he did not meet [the] requirement [of having] signatures of at least two persons who were with him in jail. 'The whole world knows about his role in the struggle and the Government wants him to get signatures,'

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laments. Mr Gafarkhan, brother of Dr Karimkhan, who is denied the facility. The only means of survival for him has been the meagre earnings from his writings and the old-age pension of Rs. 500, out of which Rs. 200 goes towards room rent.

Dr. Karimkhan went over to numerous colleges and sang folk-songs. Of them, 'Javaraya Bandare Bangali Baralilla...' continues to be popular. His folk songs had mass appeal when compared to classical music. Dr. Karimkhan says, At one point of time, he wrote lavanis (a folk-form) on Kittur Chennamma and sang them.

Having acquired mastery over Sanskrit, thanks to his guru Narayana Shastri, he translated the play 'Malati-Madhava' of Bhavabhuti into Kannada. He also translated 'Laila Majnu' into Kannada. His other works include, 'Balidana Hussain,' 'Neevara' and 'Neehara,' collections of stories (latter on communal harmony) and plays such as 'Magadi Kempe Gowda,' 'Bangalore Kempe Gowda,' 'Nirdoshi' and 'Madhu Mohan.'

Interestingly, D. R. Naidu of Shyamaprasad Movies (producer of 'Kanakadasa'), took Dr. Karimkhan to Madras to write stories for his films. During his 10-year stay he wrote stories, dialogues and songs for films such as, 'Jeevana Taranga,' 'Chandrakumara,' 'Bevu Bella,' 'Devu Manava,' and 'Dombara Krishna,' among others. 'Swarna Gouri,' for which he wrote the story and all the songs, won the best film award. The song, 'Natavara Gangadhara...' is on the lips of most Kannadigas even today. He has written about 200 songs but has hardly any cassettes of these songs. He also wrote a series of songs on Dharmasthala.

As president of Janapada Academy for three years, his major work was video-filming of the life-styles of about 20 tribes across the State. He published a number of Kannada works during his tenure. He filmed the Yakshaganas of both Badagutittu and Tenkanatittu styles, Mudulupaya (another form of Yakshagana in Mysore district) on 'Karibhanta' (which has unparalleled theme, according to Dr. Karimkhan), has also been filmed. He worked for the unity of Hindus and Muslims. 'You cannot expect anything from these leaders,' he says of modern-day netas,' whom he describes as 'cruel'. 'They are letting the people down in every way.' The fruits of freedom struggle are not being reached to the poor, he feels.

Dr. Karimkhan has been awarded honorary doctorate by the Gulbarga University in recognition of his overall contributions.

Though he lived in penury all his life, he never sought anybody's help. He stays in a small room, inspite of his brother having a house in the city. According to his brother, once, the late Mysore Narasimha Iyengar, came to his (Dr. Karimkhan's) room and offered to give all his wealth to him. Dr. Khan being what he is, declined the offer.

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Four Ministers meet Hegde

From Our Special Correspondent

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At least 4 Ministers are stated to have met the Nanjanmanna Vedike leader, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde, today on his 70th birthday. It assumes significance in the wake of 6 Janata Dal MLCs joining the Vedike.

Supporters and admirers of Mr. Hegde tonight hosted a dinner to celebrate the birthday. A few Ministers and Janata Dal members among others were said to have attended it.

IT returns counter timing extended

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The Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (IT), Bangalore, has announced that the IT returns counter will remain open till 7 p.m. on Friday as August 31 is a holiday.

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The Autorickshaw Drivers' Union has expressed concern about reports of attacks on autorickshaw drivers in Bangalore. It has urged the Government to take preventive measures

Town Hall-Sirsi Circle flyover in 30 months

From Our Staff Reporter

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The Bangalore City Corporation (BCC) Commissioner, Mr. B. Parthasarathy, said on Thursday that preliminary work on the flyover from Town Hall to Sirsi Circle had begun and the flyover was expected to be constructed in 30 months.

Speaking at a function organised by CIVIC, a citizens' group here, he said the project would cost a whopping Rs. 94 crores. The BCC would bear one-third of the cost and the rest required would be got as loans from HUDCO and the Karnataka Infrastructural Development Corporation Limited. HUDCO had recently granted the loan. The loans would be repaid with interest by the BCC.

Mr. Parthasarathy said the BCC had given an undertaking to the State Government that it would divert the annual octroi grant of Rs. 30 crores to the project. Reiterating the need for constructing a flyover in the busy Town Hall - Sirsi Circle corridor, he said it would be needed in view of the proposed eight-lane expressway connecting Bangalore to Mysore. A bypass was proposed between Sirsi Circle and Karnataka Vidyut Karkhane (KAVIKA) on Mysore Road to ease traffic congestion, he added.

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[illegible] Court today directed the postponement of the counselling and the admission process by the CET by two weeks.

The order was made in a public interest writ petition filed in the High Court in which an allegation was made that professional institutions were making admissions in excess of the quota allotted to them.

The Court had earlier directed the Registrar (Vigilance) to conduct an enquiry regarding this and submit a report. In compliance with the order of the Court, the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, filed a preliminary statement of objections and submitted that if the counselling, which was to commence on Friday, was postponed it would cause inconvenience to candidates who might have reached Bangalore for participating in the counselling. It was further pleaded that fixing other dates for counselling might lead to further expenses. It was submitted that counselling for MBBS BDS courses for Karnataka students has been fixed between August 30 and September 21 and for engineering students between September 5 and September 16. For non-Karnataka students the schedule was between September 27 and October 26.

After arguments, the Judge observed that the Government, by its letter of May 23, 1996, had communicated that at least 10 dental colleges were yet to be granted approval or permission. It was also advised in the communication that students seeking admission to these colleges should [illegible] to sanction.

The Judge further observed that it was clear that the overwhelming reserve could be completed by allowing admissions in some colleges and postponing the same in other colleges. the enquiry ordered by the [illegible] ended. In the circumstances, the Court postponed [illegible].

Bangalore Weather

FORECAST

Generally [illegible] rain.

Backward class people urged to unite

KOLAR, Aug. 29

Mr. V. R. Sudarshan, MLC, has urged the backward communities to unite and fight for their rights. Speaking at a function to celebrate the birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs here recently, he said Devaraj Urs had worked for the betterment of backward class people.

Mr. H. D. Revanna, former Minister, spoke. Mr. B. K. Ravi, president of the State unit of the Kranaka Yuva Sene, alleged that the Government had been adopting a 'negative' policy towards the backward sections. Mr. K. B. Srinivasamurthy of the Sene welcomed the gathering. Mr. Narayanaswamy proposed a vote of thanks.

IN BRIEF

AIR programme: All India Radio (AIR), Bangalore, will broadcast 'Jenkura', a programme of songs in singing, at 6-20 p.m. on September 4. Poems by Mr. Vijayanarasimha on Lord Krishna, set to music by Mr. T. Srinivas, would be included in the programme.

Yoga camp: A 15-day yoga therapy treatment camp for persons suffering from nasal allergy, asthma, diabetes, hypertension and obesity would be held at the Vivekananda Research Foundation, 19 Ganapuram Circle (phone 6612669). The camp will begin on September 2.

Office-bearers: The following are office-bearers of the KEONICS Employees Association: Mr. G. R. Shivashankar (president), Mr. R. Krishna Murthy and Mr. Nanja Mari (vice-presidents), Mr. Lingaiah (general secretary), Mr. M. Thope Gowda (organising secretary), Mr. B. N. Gopalakrishna and Mr. K. V. Maine Gowda (joint secretaries), Mr. N. Virupakshayya (assistant secretary) and Mr. M. S. Subramanya (treasurer).

Belgaum lawyers' strike continues

From Our Staff Correspondent

BELGAUM, Aug. 29

[illegible] hunger strike launched by the local Bar Association demanding the setting up of a High Court Bench in Belgaum entered the 10th day today.

Thirty junior lawyers participated in the strike today. Among them were the Association vice-president, Mr. Dhanaraj Gavli, and former Minister Mr. Om Prakash Kanagali. Mr. Kanagali is a former president of the Bar Association.

Mr. Jigajinagi, Minister for Revenue [illegible] Minister visited the venue.

[illegible] BJP MLA from Krishnaraj [illegible] president, BJP Yuva Morcha, and Mr. Rajendra Gokhale, Morcha's national secretary, also met the lawyers. They are reported to have expressed [illegible].

Water levels

BANGALORE, Aug. 29

The following is the water levels in major reservoirs of the State on Thursday.

Linganamakki: Level: 1,791.20 ft inflow [illegible]

Supa: Level: 535.10 metres, inflow: 7,477 cusecs.

[illegible]: 1,773 cusecs.

[illegible]: 1,780 m, inflow: 188 cusecs.

Patel seeks early allotment of iron ore lease

From Our Special Correspondent

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The Chief Minister, Mr. J. H. Patel, met Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya, Union Minister of State for Steel and Mines, today in Delhi and urged him for early allotment of iron ore leases for steel plants coming up in the Bellary-Hospet area.

He held discussions on gold prospects in the State and demanded framing of policy guidelines on the same by the Union Government according to a press release here today.

The Chief Minister stressed that the Centre should take over complete rights of the State's share in the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited.

The Chief Minister lauded the Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram, for starting an Infrastructure Development Finance Company with a share capital of Rs. 5,000 crores. He appealed to Mr. Chidambaram to make Bangalore its headquarters. He sought sanction of short-term loans from financial institutions for starting cooperative sugar units. The Finance Minister assured the Chief Minister that he would give instructions to financial institutions.

Mr Patel thanked the Finance Minister for recommending assistance from Asian Development Bank for Urban Development Programme in the coastal districts of the State. Mr. Chidambaram appreciated the Government's efforts in the field of urban infrastructure development.

The Chief Minister met Mr. T. G. Venkatraman, Minister for Surface Transport and urged him to clear the pending projects of the State including national highway proposed from Srirangapatna to Bidar, Yelahanka bypass near Bangalore on National Highway 7, construction of bridges near Yelahanka on National Highway 7 and improvement on Inter-State highway connecting Mysore and Satyamangala in Tamil Nadu.

In his meeting with Mr. Venugopalachari, Minister of State for Power, Mr. Patel demanded early clearance of State's power projects, especially the Cogentrix. Considering the power crisis in the State, the Union Minister said that he would make efforts to clear all the pending projects.

The Chief Minister highlighted the initiative taken by his Government to take up small power projects to provide immediate solution to the grim power situation.

Mr. Patel met Mr. Srikant Jena, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism and informed him about the potential for tourism development in the State.

ENGAGEMENTS

Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana: Sri Krishna Raghavendra Seva Trust, Banaswadi Main Road, Banaswadi, 7 a.m. Sri Raghavendra Swamy Bhajan Mandali, Tyagaraja Nagar, 7 a.m. Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Trust, Kengeri Satellite Town, [illegible] Krishna Tirtharaja Seva Samiti, [illegible] Sri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana, 9 a.m. Sri Raghavendra Ashrama, 420, 7th Main Road, Basaveshwara II Stage (near Vivekananda College), [illegible].

Parmartha Vichara Sangha: [illegible] Sri Karmika Colony, by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, Adhyatma Vichara Sangha, Vidyaranyapuram, 7-4 p.m.

Adhyatma Prakasha Karyalaya (Discourse on Advaita prakriya, by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, 6th Cross, 2nd Block, Thyagarajanagar, 9 a.m.

Ramakrishna Math: Viveka Chudamani by Mr. K. G. Subraya Sharma, Bull Temple Road, 5-10 p.m.

Sri Shankar Jayanthi Mandali: Dr. M. R. Rangachar speaks on "Kathopanishad," 45, Jayanagar 3rd Block, 6-30 p.m.

Maharshi Institute of Management: Slide show presentation on "Transcendental meditation" by Mr. D. L. Prabhaker and Mr. Benjamin, 34, First Main Road, Seshadripuram, 6-30 p.m.

Vishveswarapuram Arts and Commerce College: Inauguration of cultural activities, K. R. Road, 11 a.m.

Alumni Association, University Agricultural Sciences: Symposium on "Eco-friendly insects and micro organisms," Dr. G. K. Veeresh, Vice-Chancellor, delivers the inaugural address, Old Agricultural College auditorium, Bellary Road, Hebbal, 2 p.m.

Sahitya Sangha: T. R. Shamanna memorial lecture, Mr. M. Chandrashekar and Mr. V. S. Krishna Iyer, former Ministers, speak on "Bangalore's problems and solutions," Women's Peace League auditorium, Shankaramath Road, 5-30 p.m.

Society for the Unified Vision: Mr. V. N. Ravikumar delivers a lecture on "Human values," C. V. Raman Nagar, 6 p.m.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan: A panel discussion on "Highways and byways in Advaita," Race Course Road, 6 p.m.

World Wide Fund for Nature-India: Screening of the film, "Private life for plants - part 5," Raman Research Institute, Sadashivanagar, 6-30 p.m.

Rotary Bangalore Downtown: Classification display and light music by Ms. Gargi Yakkundi, Hotel Kamat, Lavelle Road, 7 p.m.

Rotary Bangalore Rajamahal Vilas: Mr. I. S. Gulhati speaks on "World of flavours and fragrances," 5, 10th Cross, RMV Extention, 7 p.m.

Association of Physicians of India: Discussion on "interesting cases," IMA Auditorium, IMA House, Alur Venkata Rao Road, 7-30 p.m.

National Institute of Advanced Studies: Veena by Mr. D. Balakrishna, Indian Institute of Science, Malleswaram, 7 p.m.

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Tough series ahead, says Rahul

Bangalore, July 29: Skipper Rahul Dravid today opined that the upcoming Triseries in Sri Lanka, South Africa is the third team, will be tough.

Talking to newsmen here, he said that "we have a tough series ahead with Sri Lanka doing well in the recent ODIs".

When asked whether India can bounce back after losing the ODI series 4-1 against West Indies in its recent tour Dravid said that "if we begin well in Sri Lanka it will be good and we can hope for a turn around."•ENS ►See P14

Wright on Ganguly's wrongs!

New Delhi, July 29: Sourav Ganguly may have lost his captaincy and a place in the Indian team after a bitter spat with current coach Greg Chappell but it now transpires that even the previous coach John Wright favoured his sacking.

Admitting a fall out with Ganguly towards the end of his stint with the Indian team, the former New Zealand skipper has said there were times when the Bengal batsman might have also wanted a change of coach. Wright has let out some sensational information in his new book 'Indian Summers'•PTI ►See P14

World record

Colombo: Mahela Jaya[illegible] fourth highest score of 374 and shared a world record stand of 624 with kumar Sangakkara as Sri Lanka battered South Africa in the first test here on Saturday

The batting feast at the Sinhalese Sp[illegible] saw Sri Lanka pile up a mammoth 75[illegible] ed in reply to South Africa's modest 169 to g[illegible] a match-winning lead of 587 runs ►See P14

RECORD STANDS

1st	41[illegible]	Panka, Roy & MH Mankad (India)
2nd	[illegible]	RS Mahanama & ST Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)
3rd	624	DPMD Jayawardene & KC Sangakkara (Sri Lanka)
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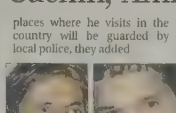

Apart from Tendulkar, security of 'icons' staying in Mumbai, like superstars Bachchan, Shahrukh Khan, industrialist Mukesh Ambani, has also been stepped up, police said, but refused to divulge the nature of security provided to them.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Protection and Security), Mumbai, Surendra Kumar, said that security to Tendulkar and other personalities has been stepped up upon specific intelligence input.

"He (Tendulkar) is one of the iconic personalities and therefore his security arrangements have been further beefed up," Kumar said•PTI

The church is for God or for Mammon?

WHAT constitutes a religious minority? What special rights do they have and why? Is it all purely a religious matter or do social issues and governmental involvement come into it?

These are not exactly new questions, but they have acquired a new edge because of a crusade Christian Bishops have launched in Kerala. They describe the Left Government's education bill as anti-minority. They have made emotion-charged speeches before Sunday congregations in churches and even made a televised battle pledge with militant implications. The mood is reminiscent of 1958 when the churches launched their historic "liberation struggle" against the first communist Government in Kerala. That too was a crusade against the government's education bill. That violent struggle toppled the EMS Government and established the power of the religious lobbies in Kerala.

It is unlikely that 2006 will see a repeat of 1958. The Muslims are lukewarm, the Nair organisation is uninterested. The American CIA which had funded the old liberation struggle (subsequently declassified American records proved this) may be interested this time also but may not make much difference.

Above all, the church leadership has lost its credibility. Stuck in the 1958 mould, they refuse to recognise that higher education in Kerala has been in shameful tatters for the past several years. Most of the colleges they run have become notorious for capitation fees which are illegal. A medical seat can fetch a minimum of Rs.40 lakhs at the admission level alone.

The church leaders do not even command the respect of all Christians. The previous Congress-led government had appointed retired Supreme Court judge K.T. Thomas to recommend a realistic fee structure

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for professional colleges. Widely respected for his judicial experience as well as fairness, Justice Thomas emerged from his inquiry as a critic of the so-called self-financing professional colleges. Describing them as centres of plunder, he said Christian leadership could not escape the responsibility of making these institutions unreachable to ordinary people.

Several Christian groups have come out openly in opposition to the Bishops' campaign. Some have even warned that they might be forced to expose the corruption going on in the Church establishment.

In the circumstances confrontationist activities by the Bishops will only raise disturbing questions about their own motivations. When they cry that the constitutionally allowed rights of minorities are being destroyed, the question will rise as to why the Constitution enshrined those rights. Certainly the Constitution's intention was not to turn the leaders of minorities into profiteers.

The minorities in whose name church leaders are fleecing the rich and denying opportunities to the poor are themselves victims of avarice. The Bishops could serve their cause better by returning to the ways of the early missionaries and Jesuits who ran colleges in a spirit of sacrifice. Reform is overdue. The present bill is a move in the right direction. The Government spoiled its case by allowing communist student fronts to attack minority colleges and destroy property. Such hooliganism will alienate even those who see the need for reform.

It is a bit of an irony that the ministers who piloted the 1958 and 2006 education bills in Kerala have both been Christians. Which shows that the problem is not with Christianity but with those who want to turn it into a money business. That is the problem with all religions these days. They are having less and less to do with God and more and more with Mammon

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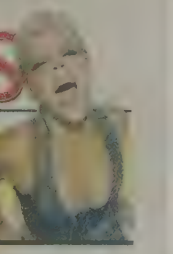

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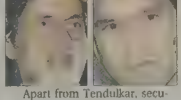

Apart from Tendulkar, security of 'icons' staying in Mumbai, like superstars Bachchan, Shahrukh Khan, industrialist Mukesh Ambani, has also been stepped up, police said, but refused to divulge the nature of security provided to them.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Protection and Security), Mumbai, Surendra Kumar, said that security to Tendulkar and other personalities has been stepped up upon specific intelligence input.

"He (Tendulkar) is one of the iconic personalities and therefore his security arrangements have been further beefed up," Kumar said • PTI

Tough series ahead, says Rahul

Bangalore, July 29: Skipper Rahul Dravid today opined that the upcoming Triseries in Sri Lanka, South Africa is the third team, will be tough.

Talking to newsmen here, he said that "we have a tough series ahead with Sri Lanka doing well in the recent ODIs".

When asked whether India can bounce back after losing the ODI series 4-1 against West Indies in its recent tour Dravid said that "if we begin well in Sri Lanka it will be good and we can hope for a turn around." • ENS ▶See P14

Wright on Ganguly's wrongs!

New Delhi, July 29: Sourav Ganguly may have lost his captaincy and a place in the Indian team after a bitter spat with current coach Greg Chappell but it now transpires that even the previous coach John Wright favoured his sacking.

Admitting a fall out with Ganguly towards the end of his stint with the Indian team, the former New Zealand skipper has said there were times when the Bengal batsman might have also wanted a change of coach. Wright has let out some sensational information in his new book 'Indian Summers' • PTI ▶See P14

World record

Colombo: Mahela Jayawardene smashed fourth highest score of 374 and shared a record stand of 624 with Kumar Sangakkara as Sri Lanka battered South Africa in the 1 here on Saturday

The batting feast at the Sinhalese saw Sri Lanka pile up a mammoth ed in reply to South Africa's modest 169 to ga a match-winning lead of 587 runs ▶See P14

RECORD STANDS

1st	413	Pankaj Roy & MH Mankad (India)
2nd	298	RS Mahanama & ST Jayasuriya (SL)
3rd	624	DPMD Jayawardene & KC Sangakkara (SL)
4th	411	MC Cowdrey & PBH May, England
5th	405	DG Bradman & SG Barnes, Australia
6th	338	JHW Fingleton & DG Bradman (Australia)
7th	347	CC Depeiaza & DS Atkinson (West Indies)
8th	313	Saqlain Mushtaq & Wasim Akram (Pakistan)
9th	190	PL Symcox & MV Boucher (South Africa)
10th	151	BF Hastings & RO Collinge (New Zealand)
	151	Mushtaq Ahmed & Azhar Mahmood (Pakistan)

The church is for God or for Mammon?

WHAT constitutes a religious minority? What special rights do they have and why? Is it all purely a religious matter or do social issues and governmental involvement come into it?

These are not exactly new questions but they have acquired a new edge because of a crusade Christian Bishops have launched in Kerala. They describe the Left Government's education bill as anti minority. They have made emotion charged speeches before Sunday congregations in churches and even made a televised battle pledge with militant implications. The mood is reminiscent of 1958 when the churches launched their historic "liberation struggle" against the first communist Government in Kerala. That too was a crusade against the government's education bill. That violent struggle toppled the EMS Government and established the power of the religious lobbies in Kerala.

It is unlikely that 2006 will see a repeat of 1958. The Muslims are lukewarm, the Nair organisation is uninterested. The American CIA which had funded the old liberation struggle (subsequently declassified American records proved this) may be interested this time also but may not make much difference.

Above all, the church leadership has lost its credibility. Stuck in the 1958 mould, they refuse to recognise that higher education in Kerala has been in shameful tatters for the past several years. Most of the colleges they run have become notorious for capitation fees which are illegal. A medical seat can fetch a minimum of Rs.40 lakhs at the admission level alone.

The church leaders do not even command the respect of all Christians. The previous Congress-led government had appointed retired Supreme Court Judge K.T. Thomas to recommend a realistic fee structure for professional colleges. Widely respected for his judicial experience as well as fairness, Justice Thomas emerged from his inquiry as a critic of the so-called self-financing professional colleges. Describing them as centres of plunder, he said Christian leadership could not escape the responsibility of making these institutions unreachable to ordinary people.

Point Of View
T J S George

Several Christian groups have come out openly in opposition to the Bishops' campaign. Some have even warned that they might be forced to expose the corruption going on in the Church establishment.

In the circumstances confrontationist activities by the Bishops will only raise disturbing questions about their own motivations. When they cry that the constitutionally allowed rights of minorities are being destroyed the question will rise as to why the Constitution enshrined those rights. Certainly the Constitution's intention was not to turn the leaders of minorities into profiteers.

The minorities in whose name church leaders are fleecing the rich and denying opportunities to the poor are themselves victims of avarice. The Bishops could serve their cause better by returning to the ways of the early missionaries and Jesuits who ran colleges in a spirit of sacrifice. Reform is overdue. The present bill is a move in the right direction. The Government spoiled its case by allowing communist student fronts to attack minority colleges and destroy property. Such hooliganism will alienate even those who see the need for reform.

It is a bit of an irony that the ministers who piloted the 1958 and 1960 education bills in Kerala have both been Christians. Which shows that the problem is not with Christianity but with those who want to turn it into a money business. That's the problem with all religions these days. They are having less and less to do with God and more and more with Mammon

Family members of veteran Gandhian Kareem Khan, mourning during his last rituals in Bangalore on Saturday.—Express photo by Mohan Kumar B N.

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CM CONDOLES: Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy condoled the death of freedom fighter and Gandhian S K Kareem Khan. Recalling the contributions of Karim Khan to the film world as lyricist, Kumaraswamy in his condolence message said that his death was a great loss to folklore.

Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy president Keremane Shambhu Hegde and registrar M. Mumaraju, in a condolence message, said Karim Khan's death was an irreparable loss.

Bangalore Mayor Mumtaz Begum and Deputy Mayor M. Lakshminarayana have also condoled his death.

GOVERNOR CONDOLES : Governor T N Chaturvedi and the Chairman of Kannada Development Authority Dr Siddalingaiah have condoled the death of Dr Karim Khan. In his condolence message the Governor said, Dr Khan had represented one of the last links of the folk art. Despite being the follower of Islam, he became famous as writer about Hindu Scripture with his catholicity of mind and heart.

Siddalingaiah in his message said that Khan's contribution to the folk art and Kannada language would be remembered forever.

Opening status of engineering seats on July 31 at 9 am
(Admission round-status after the completion of 36,000engineering rank)

Courses	Concessional fee	Higher fee
Electronics	290	689
Computers	211	520
Mechanical	704	918
Electrical	317	447
Civil	358	269
Ind. prodn	135	75
Inst Tech	69	103
Ind. engg. mgm	42	31
Automobile	5	0
Chemical	52	57
Telecommunication	74	135
Med. elect	33	47
Textiles	25	25
Bio technology	47	79
Mining	7	18
Ceramics	7	8
Silk Tech	8	0
Const Tech	9	6
Bio medical	7	10
Environmental	32	18
Info Science	234	447
Polymer science	16	0
Manuf. Science	3	3
Total	2734	3955

The engineering rank holders from 36,001 to 42,000 will be allowed for selecting the available engineering and technology seats on July 31, as per the schedule notified in the 'CET 2006' brochure.

A life of simplicity, self-respect

OBITUARY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: Dr. S.K. Kareem Khan, a freedom fighter with unflinching faith in Gandhian values, personified knowledge, simplicity, humility, self-respect and class. A bachelor, he gave more to society than he took from it.

Not many of the present generation would know much of him or his work. That way he faded into oblivion a little more than a decade ago. At the time, he had remarked once to his friends, lying on his bed in his hotel room on Bull Temple Road. "Instead of lying there (graveyard), I am lying here." That sounded more like his pulling on a life without any purpose than not being able to bear the pain of being sick.

Khan's life is not as widely known as his achievements. He hailed from Sakleshpur in Hassan district with parents hailing from Afghanistan and Persia. In his youth, he was deeply inspired by Gandhian values, which he practised till his last breath. He ran a Khadi Bhandar at Sakleshpur, participated in freedom movement and landed in jail seven times. The unforgettable moment of his life was being part of the hospitality team when Gandhiji visited Nandi Hills.

It was his immense knowledge of folk traditions of Karnataka, which he acquired from extensive research, which eventually brought him in close contact with film makers. They exploited him to the hilt, but many cheated him. He wrote dialogues for many dramas and also story, screenplay and lyrics for the movie Swarna Gouri (1962).

The lyrics he penned for movies show how creative he was in his choice of words. He would take care to see his lyric harmonised with music.

He was deeply disturbed by the steep fall in the quality of Kannada lyrics since the late 1980s.

Dr Khan penned scores of Kannada devotional songs including many on Lord Manjunatha. He could do that with ease because of his scholarly knowledge of Sanskrit too. In fact, filmmaker G V Iyer had left his son with Khan to learn Sanskrit slokas.

In spite of his competence and love for cinema, Dr Khan could not earn his bread in Chennai in the 1960s and returned without much success.

He often related those bitter tales of his struggle in Chennai and the threats he faced from a Kannada hero, then based in Chennai. Cinema industry let him down in a big way.

He chaired Janapada Academy for some time. Interestingly, Khan never applied for any recognition or even freedom fighters pension. Whatever little pension he got was at the government's own initiative.

In 2003, he was honoured by the government for his life-time contribution to Kannada films.

CET results

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: The announcement of CET results for the admission of diploma holders to BE courses through lateral scheme have been postponed to July 31.

The results in Bangalore would be announced at the Directorate of Technical Education, while the students from other places across the State can get their results from their respective exam centres said a release.

Revised time table for the admission would be announced later, release added

SURGE AHEAD WITH THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MADURAI DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE No. 2 / 2006 - 2007 DATED 28-07-2006

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Southern Railway, Madurai Division, Madurai-625018 for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed tenders from registered lease holders, for leasing of Front SLR/ Rear SLR of 4/8/12 tonnes on BG trains and 2 25/4 5/6 75 tonnes on MG trains on payment of lumpsum rate for loading of parcels and also for leasing one tonne space in the Assistant Guard Cabin of Front SLR exclusively for courier service by the following trains (Express/Superfast/Passenger in BG and MG system). The period of contract for Item I (Sl. No.1 to Sl. No 56 trains) is Two years and for item II (6787 express) is Three years for leasing of FSLR/RSLR/AGC. Persons who have not so far registered can first apply for registration with Railways (Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager Office, Madurai.) before submitting their tenders.

Item : I Period of contract Two Years

BG EXPRESS TRAINS

Sl. No.	Train No.	From	To	Type of Service	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: No. of units of 4 Tonnes each	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: Reserve Price for 4 Tonnes for one year in Rs.	Leasing of AGC: Space for lease in tonnes	Leasing of AGC: Reserve Price for 1 tonne for One Year in Rs.
1	6731	Tuticorin	Mysore	Daily	3	10,23,460/-	1	2,55,865/-
2	2612	Tirunelveli	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	8,84,760/-	1	2,21,190/-
3	2636	Madurai	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	3,53,320/-	1	88,330/-
4	2636	Madurai	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	7,06,275/-	1	1,76,660/-
5	2661	Tenkasi	Chennai Egmore	Tri-weekly	1	1,91,568/-	1	47,892/-
6	2699	Tuticorin	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	8,84,760/-	1	2,21,190/-
7	1063	Madurai	Kollam	Weekly	3	2,83,088/-	1	70,772/-

BG PASSENGER TRAINS

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8	6[illegible]	Tirunelveli	Erode	Daily	3	2,87,620/-	1	71,905/-
9	6[illegible] A	Tirunelveli	Mayiladuduraı	Daily	3	3,22,860/-	1	80,665/-
10	[illegible]	Madurai	Tenkasi	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
11	7[illegible]4	Tenkasi	Madurai	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
12	7[illegible]	Madurai	Tenkasi	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
13	7[illegible]	Tenkasi	Madurai	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
14	7[illegible]	Madurai	Villupuram	Daily	3	2,73,020/-	1	68,255/-
15	[illegible]	Madurai	Manamadurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
16	[illegible]	Manamadurai	Madurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
17	[illegible]	Madurai	Manamadurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
18	[illegible]	Manamadurai	Madurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
19	[illegible]	Madurai	Quilon	Daily	2	2,87,620/-	1	71,905/-
20	7[illegible]	Tuticorin	Tuticorin	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
21	[illegible]23	Tuticorin	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
22	[illegible]25	Tuticorin	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
23	7[illegible]	Tirunelveli	Tuticorin	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-

M G EXPRESS TRAINS

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24	6[illegible]	Manamadurai	Tambaram	Daily	3	4,03,325/-	1	1,79,215/-
25	6716	Madurai	Podanur	Daily	3	2,39,805/-	1	1,06,580/-
26	6708	Madurai	Podanur	6 days in a week	3	2,39,805/-	1	1,06,580/-
27	6383	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	2,06,955/-	1	91,980/-

MG PASSENGER TRAINS

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28	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily	3	1,03,550/-	1	45,990/-
29	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily	3	1,03,550/-	1	45,990/-
30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily	3	74,700/-	1	32,850/-
31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily	3	74,700/-	1	32,850/-
32	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily	3	70,980/-	1	31,025/-
33	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily	3	70,980/-	1	31,025/-
34	712	Madura	Dindigul	6 days in a week	3	52,897/-	1	23,475/-
35	711	Dindigul	Madura	6 days in a week	3	52,897/-	1	23,475/-
36	764	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,555/-	1	56,210/-
37	776	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,555/-	1	56,210/-
38	768	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,555/-	1	56,210/-
39	778	Madurai	Podanur	Daily	3	1,20,085/-	1	53,290/-
40	762	Pollachi	Palagat	Daily	3	58,400/-	1	25,915/-
41	766	Pollachi	Palagat	Daily	3	58,400/-	1	25,915/-
42	772	Dindigul	Podanur	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	42,705/-
43	718	Madurai	Bodinayakanur	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
44	719	Madurai	Bodinayakanur	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
45	714	Bodinayakanur	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
46	720	Bodinayakanur	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
47	739	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
48	737	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
49	735	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
50	733	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
51	734	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
52	736	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
53	738	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
54	740	Tiruchendur	Virudunagar	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
55	856	Virudunagar	Manamadurai	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
56	855	Manamadurai	Virudunagar	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-

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1	6787	MDU	JAT	Bi-Weekly	1	20,47,664/-	1	4,47,460/-

EMD amount for all trains (4 tonnes in BG and 2.25 tonnes in MG for FSLR/RSLR) Rs 25,000/-
and cost of tender form for FSLR/RSLR : Rs 250/

EMD amount for AGC (one tonne- BG and MG trains): Rs.5,000/-
and cost of tender form Rs 100/-

SPACE FOR LEASE

One unit in BG train is equal to 4 tonnes capacity in FSLR/RSLR
One unit in MG train is equal to 2.25 tonnes capacity in FSLR/RSLR
One unit in BG&MG for leasing of AGC is one tonne capacity space in Guard Cabin in FSLR

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any person or cargo operator or transporter having Indian Citizenship or any agency or company registered in India is eligible to participate in leasing tender. However the applicant should be a registered lease holder on Madurai Division. The scheme is not applicable from the City Booking Agency or Out Agency. The lease holder is solely responsible for canvassing, acceptance, booking, handling and delivery of parcel at stations including documentation. Lease holder shall load only such commodities, which are permissible to be booked as parcel under prescribed Railway rules. Lease holders are prohibited to book commodities like offensive, contraband, explosive and other commodities prohibited by Railways.

Separate tender form should be submitted for each 4 tonnes space for BG trains and 2.25 tonnes space for MG trains for each train for leasing of (FSLR/RSLR) and 1 tonne space for BG and MG trains for leasing of Assistant Guard Cabin of Front SLR

LEASING OF ONE TON SPACE IN BG/MG MAIL/EXPRESS/PASSENGER TRAINS IN AGC OF FRONT SLR

1. Assistant Guard Cabin of Front SLR of all passenger carrying trains cited above will be leased out for 1 tonne capacity to courier companies/registered lease holders.
2. Lumpsum leased fre ght will be collected for 1 tonne capacity even if actual utilization of AGC space is less
3. The weight of individual courier packets should not exceed 25Kg and the gross weight of all packets should not exceed more than 1 ton.
4. Courier companies/registered lease holders will be allowed to load / unload their packets at all prescribed stoppages allowed by Railways within the allowed stoppage timings.
5. Only one representative of the courier company will be permitted to travel at a time in the AGC of the same train free of charge with a Railway authority.

The tenders should be submitted in the prescribed tender forms only along with proof of his registration as leaseholder entered with Divisional Office, Commercial Branch, **Madurai Division-625018** by attaching a photocopy of his registration certificate. The tender form along with Terms & Conditions can be obtained from the office of The **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai Division, Madurai-625016** on all working days **from 09.30 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.** The last date for issue of Tender Forms would be **28.08.2006.** The cost of tender documents is not refundable and may be paid in cash to the **Sr. Divisional Cashier (Pay), Southern Railway, Madurai** or through a demand draft drawn in favour of **Divisional Finance Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai-16** An amount of **Rs 50/- (Rupees fifty only)** extra has to be paid for each tender document, if requisitioned by post.

The tender documents will also be available on Website www.southernrailway.org. The facility is available **from 02.08.2006 onwards** and the same can be downloaded and used as tender documents for submitting the offer. This facility is available free of cost. However, the demand draft (which should be drawn in favour of **Divisional Finance Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai-16)** towards the cost of tender document as prescribed will have to be enclosed along with tender document while submitting the same. In case the offer is not accompanied with valid demand draft for the cost of the tender document the tender would be summarily rejected.

The earnest money to be deposited, along with tender documents, should be in the form of a demand draft drawn in favour of **Divisional Finance Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai-18.**

The tender documents are not transferable and separate tender form should be submitted for 4 tonnes / 2.25 tonnes compartment for each train. The tender documents together with required Earnest Money Deposit should be dropped in the Tender Box kept in the office of **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai Division, Madurai-625016.** The tender will be closed on **29.08.2006 at 15.30 hrs** and will be opened at **16.00 hrs. on the same day.** Late, delayed, incomplete forms, and tenders without sufficient Earnest Money Deposit will, summarily be rejected. The Railway administration will not be responsible for any delay or loss in postal transit.

For further details, please contact the following persons through Telephone Numbers

1. **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Madurai.** (0452-2308200)
2. **Divisional Commercial Manager, Madurai.** (0452-2308204)
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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Two held in fake stamp paper racket

Bangalore, July 29: In its second judgment in the fake stamp paper cases in Karnataka, the special court, on Saturday convicted two men holding for possessing and selling fake stamp papers. The special court Judge Virupax V Angadi pronounced the sentences to the convicts.

The convicts are, A Kannan and Jairaj. The court sentenced Kannan with 5 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 40,000 while Jairaj was sentenced to 7 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 40,000. The CCB had arrested Kannan at the Taluk office premises with 10 fake stamp papers with the face value of Rs 5,000. Later, the CCB police recovered 35 more fake stamp papers of the face value of Rs 5,000 in his house. On his information, the CCB police nabbed Jairaj, a resident of Tamil Nadu, at a hotel in Madurai.

They recovered 60 fake stamp papers with the face value of Rs 5,000 from his possession. The special court had convicted S Krishnamurthy of Bangalore, Marimuttu and G Raja of Coimbotore in April 2005. Abdul Karim Lala Telgi, the prime accused in the racket is not an accused in both these cases.• ENS

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the BSNL, the Executive Engineer (C) invites tender for the following works

1) Petty civil repair works in E9D to W29D at P&T Staff Quarters, Anna Nagar, Chennai

2) A/R maintenance (internal and external painting) of typ IV-4 Blocks and Type V-1 Block in Telephone Quarters at Taylors Road, Chennai-10

For further details visit our Website www.tamilnadu.bsnl.co.in

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C)

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He was attracted to Gandhian philosophy at a very early age and entered the freedom movement. He had written more than 80 plays for professional Kannada theatres of which Sri Krishna Leele, Humayun and Lila Majnu are very popular.

Khan was also a journalist. He had edited Lokamitra of Dharwad and Antaranga of Udupi. Khan had served in Royal Indian Navy for a brief period. He served as chairman of Kannada Janapada and Nataka Academy. Khan was awarded 'Janapada Sri', the highest folklore award in Karnataka, 'Jeeshampa' award besides Gulbarga and Hampi universities had conferred honorary doctorates on him.

CM CONDOLES: Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy condoled the death of freedom fighter and Gandhian S K Kareem Khan. Recalling the contributions of Karim Khan to the film world as lyricist, Kumaraswamy in his condolence message said that his death was a great loss to folklore.

Karnataka-Janapada and Yakshagana Academy president Keremane Shambhu Hegde and registrar M. Muniraju, In a condolence message, said Karim Khan's death was an irreparable loss.

Bangalore Mayor Mumtaz Begum and Deputy Mayor M. Lakshminarayana have also condoled his death.

GOVERNOR CONDOLES : Governor T N Chaturvedi and the Chairman of Kannada Development Authority Dr Siddalingaiah have condoled the death of Dr Karim Khan. In his condolence message the Governor said, Dr Khan had represented one of the last links of the folk art. Despite being the follower of Islam, he became famous as writer about Hindu Scripture with his catholicity of mind and heart.

Siddalingaiah in his message said that Khan's contribution to the folk art and Kannada language would be remembered forever.

Opening status of engineering seats on July 31 at 9 am

(Admission round-status after the completion of 36,000engineering rank)

Courses	Concessional fee	Higher fee
Electronics	290	689
Computers	211	520
Mechanical	704	918
Electrical	317	447
Civil	358	269
Ind. prodn	135	75
Inst Tech	69	103
Ind. engg. mgm	42	31
Automobile	5	0
Chemical	52	57
Telecommunication	74	135
Med. elect	33	47
Textiles	25	25
Bio technology	47	79
Mining	7	18
Ceramics	7	8
Silk Tech	8	0
Const Tech	9	6
Bio medical	7	10
Environmental	32	18
Info Science	234	447
Polymer science	16	0
Manuf. Science	3	3
Total	2734	3955

The engineering rank holders from 36,001 to 42,000 will be allowed for selecting the available engineering and technology seats on July 31, as per the schedule notified in the 'CET 2006' brochure.

A life of simplicity, self-respect

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: Dr. S.K. Karim Khan, a freedom fighter with unflinching faith in Gandhian values, personified knowledge, simplicity, humility, self-respect and class. A bachelor, he gave more to society than he took from it.

Not many of the present generation would know much of him or his work. That way he faded into oblivion a little more than a decade ago. At the time, he had remarked once to his friends, lying on his bed in his hotel room on Bull Temple Road "Instead of lying there (graveyard), I am lying here." That sounded more like his pulling on a life without any purpose than not being able to bear the pain of being sick.

Khan's life is not as widely known as his achievements. He hailed from Sakleshpur in Hassan district with parents hailing from Afghanistan and Persia. In his youth, he was deeply inspired by Gandhian values, which he practised till his last breath. He ran a Khadi Bhandar at Sakleshpur, participated in freedom movement and landed in jail seven times. The unforgettable moment of his life was being part of the hospitality team when Gandhiji visited Nandi Hills.

OBITUARY

It was his immense knowledge of folk traditions of Karnataka, which he acquired from extensive research, which eventually brought him in close contact with film makers. They exploited him to the hilt, but many cheated him. He wrote dialogues for many dramas and also story, screenplay and lyrics for the movie Swarna Gouri (1962).

The lyrics he, penned for movies show how creative he was in his choice of words. He would take care to see his lyric harmonised with music.

He was deeply disturbed by the steep fall in the quality of Kannada lyrics since the late 1980s.

Dr Khan penned scores of Kannada devotional songs including many on Lord Manjunatha. He could do that with ease because of his scholarly knowledge of Sanskrit too. In fact, filmmaker G V Iyer had left his son with Khan to learn Sanskrit slokas.

In spite of his competence and love for cinema, Dr Khan could not earn his bread in Chennai in the 1960s and returned without much success.

He often related those bitter tales of his struggle in Chennai and the threats he faced from a Kannada hero, then based in Chennai. Cinema industry let him down in a big way.

He chaired Janapada Academy for some time. Interestingly, Khan never applied for any recognition or even freedom fighters pension. Whatever little pension he got was at the government's own initiative.

In 2003, he was honoured by the government for his life-time contribution to Kannada films

CET results

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: The announcement of CET results for the admission of diploma holders to BE courses through lateral scheme have been postponed to July 31.

The results in Bangalore would be announced at the Directorate of Technical Education, while the students from other places across the State can get their results from their respective exam centres said a release

Revised time table for the admission would be announced later, release added.

SURGE AHEAD WITH THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MADURAI DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE No. 2 / 2006 - 2007 DATED 28-07-2006

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Southern Railway, Madurai Division, Madurai-625016 for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed tenders from registered lease holders, for leasing of Front SLR/ Rear SLR of 4/8/12 tonnes on BG trains and 2 25/4 5/6 75 tonnes on MG trains on payment of lumpsum rate for loading of parcels and also for leasing one tonne space in the Assistant Guard Cabin of Front SLR exclusively for courier service by the following trains (Express/Superfast/Passenger in BG and MG system) The period of contract for Item I (SL No.1 to Sl. No.56 trains) is Two years and for item II (6787 express) is Three years for leasing of FSLR/RSLR/AGC. Persons who have not so far registered can first apply for registration with Railways (Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager Office, Madurai) before submitting their tenders.

Item : I Period of contract Two Years

BG EXPRESS TRAINS

Sl No	Train No	From	To	Type of Service	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: No. of units of 4 Tonnes each	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: Reserve Price for 4 Tonnes for one year in Rs.	Leasing of AGC: Space for lease in tonnes	Leasing of AGC: Reserve Price for 1 tonne for One Year in Rs.
1	6731	Tuticorin	Mysore	Daily	3	10,23,460/-	1	2,55,865/-
2	2632	Tirunelveli	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	8,84,760/-	1	2,21,190/-
3	2636	Madurai	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	3,53,320/-	1	88,330/-
4	2638	Madurai	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	7,06,275/-	1	1,76,560/-
5	2662	Tenkasi	Chennai Egmore	Tri-weekly	3	1,91,568/-	1	47,892/-
6	2634	Tuticorin	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	8,84,760/-	1	2,21,190/-
7	1044	Madurai	Kurla	Weekly	3	2,83,088/-	1	70,772/-

BG PASSENGER TRAINS

Sl No	Train No.	From	To	Type of Service	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: No. of units of 4 Tonnes each	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: Reserve Price for 4Tonnes for one year in Rs.	Leasing of AGC: Space for lease in tonnes	Leasing of AGC: Reserve Price for 1 tonne for One Year in Rs.
8	826	Tirunelveli	Erode	Daily	3	2,87,620/-	1	71,905/-
9	826 A	Tirunelveli	Mayiladudurai	Daily	3	3,22,660/-	1	80,665/-
10	783	Madurai	Tenkasi	Daily	3	1,76,680/-	1	44,165/-
11	784	Tenkasi	Madurai	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
12	785	Madurai	Tenkasi	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
13	786	Tenkasi	Madurai	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
14	702	Madurai	Villupuram	Daily	3	2,73,020/-	1	68,255/-
15	751	Madurai	Manamadurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
16	752	Manamadurai	Madurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
17	753	Madurai	Manamadurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
18	754	Manamadurai	Madurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
19	727	Madurai	Quilon	Daily	2	2,87,620/-	1	71,905/-
20	724	Tirunelveli	Tuticorin	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
21	723	Tuticorin	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
22	725	Tuticorin	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
23	726	Tirunelveli	Tuticorin	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-

M G EXPRESS TRAINS

Sl No	Train No	From	To	Type of Service	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: No. of units of 2 25 T each	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: Reserve Price for 2 25 T for one year in Rs.	Leasing of AGC: Space for lease in tonnes	Leasing of AGC: Reserve Price for 1 tonne for One Year in Rs
24	6792	Manamadurai	Tambaram	Daily	3	4,03,325/-	1	1,79,215.
25	6776	Madurai	Podanur	Daily	3	2,39,805/-	1	1,06,580/-
26	6778	Madurai	Podanur	6 days in a week	3	2,39,805/-	1	1,06,580/-
27	6323	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	2,06,955/-	1	91,960/-

MG PASSENGER TRAINS

Sl No	Train No	From	To	Type of Service	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: No of units of 2 25 T each	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: Reserve Price for one year in Rs	Leasing of AGC: Space for lease in tonnes	Leasing of AGC: Reserve Price for 1 tonne for One Year in Rs
28	6777	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	1,03,660/-	1	45,960/-
29	6779	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	1,03,660/-	1	45,960/-
30	6781	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	74,095/-	1	32,850/-
31	6783	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	74,095/-	1	32,850/-
32	6785	Tirunelveli	Punalur	Daily	3	70,080/-	1	31,025/-
33	6787	Tirunelveli	Punalur	Daily	3	70,080/-	1	31,025/-
34	712	Madurai	Dindigul	6 days in a week	3	52,897/-	1	23,475/-
35	711	Dindigul	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	52,897/-	1	23,475/-
36	764	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
37	776	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
38	769	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
39	778	Madurai	Podanur	Daily	3	1,20,085/-	1	53,290/-
40	762	Pollachi	Palagat	Daily	3	58,400/-	1	25,915/-
41	766	Pollachi	Palagat	Daily	3	58,400/-	1	25,915/-
42	772	Dindigul	Podanur	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	42,705/-
43	713	Madurai	Bodinayakanur	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
44	719	Madurai	Bodinayakanur	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
45	714	Bodinayakanur	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
46	720	Bodinayakanur	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
47	739	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
48	737	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
49	735	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
50	733	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
51	734	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
52	736	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
53	738	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
54	740	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
55	856	Virudunagar	Manamadurai	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
56	855	Manamadurai	Virudunagar	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-

Item : II Period of contract Three Years.

Sl. No.	Train No.	From	To	Type of Service	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: No. of units of 4 Tonnes Each	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: Reserve Price for 4Tonnes for one year in Rs.	Leasing of AGC: Space for lease in Tonnes	Leasing of AGC: Reserve Price for 1 tonne for One Year in Rs
1	6787	MDU	JAT	Bi-Weekly	1	20,47,864/-	1	4,47,460/-

EMD amount for all trains (4 tonnes in BG and 2 25 tonnes in MG for FSLR/RSLR) Rs 25,000/- and cost of tender form for FSLR/RSLR : Rs 250/-

EMD amount for AGC (one tonne-BG and MG trains) Rs 5,000/- and cost of tender form Rs 100/-

SPACE FOR LEASE

One unit in BG train is equal to 4 tonnes capacity in FSLR/RSLR
One unit in MG train is equal to 2 25 tonnes capacity in FSLR/RSLR
One unit in BG&MG for leasing of AGC is one tonne capacity space in Guard Cabin in FSLR

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any person or cargo operator or transporter having Indian Citizenship or any agency or company registered in India is eligible to participate in leasing tender However the applicant should be a registered lease holder on Madura Division The scheme is not applicable from to City Booking Agency or Out Agency. The lease holder is solely responsible for canvassing, acceptance, booking, handling and delivery of parcel at stations including documentation. Lease holder shall load only such commodities, which are permissible to be booked as parcel under prescribed Railway rules Lease holders are prohibited to book commodities like offensive contraband dangerous, explosive and other commodities prohibited by Railways

Separate tender form should be submitted for each 4 tonnes space for BG trains and 2 25 tonnes space for MG trains for each train for leasing of (FSLR/RSLR) and 1 tonne space for BG and MG trains for leasing of Assistant Guard Cabin in front SLR

LEASING OF ONE TON SPACE IN BG/MG MAIL/EXPRESS/PASSENGER TRAINS IN AGC OF FRONT SLR

1. Assistant Guard Cabin of Front SLR of all passenger carrying trains cited above will be leased out for 1 tonne capacity to courier companies/registered lease holders
2. Lumpsum leased freight will be collected for 1 tonne capacity even if actual utilization of AGC space is less
3. The weight of individual courier packets should not exceed 25Kg and the gross weight of all packets should not exceed more than 1 ton
4. Courier companies/registered lease holders will be allowed to load / unload their packets at all prescribed stoppages allowed by Railways within the allowed stoppage timings.
5. Only one representative of the courier company will be permitted to travel at a time in the AGC of the same train free of charge with a Railway authority

The tenders should be submitted in the prescribed tender forms only along with proof of his registration as leaseholder entered with **Divisional Office, Commercial Branch, Madurai Division-625016** by attaching a photocopy of his registration certificate The tender form along with Terms & Conditions can be obtained from the office of The **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai Division, Madurai-625016** on all working days from **09.30 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.** The last date for issue of Tender Forms would be **28.08.2006.** The cost of tender documents is not refundable and may be paid in cash to the **Sr. Divisional Cashier (Pay), Southern Railway, Madurai** or through a demand draft drawn in favour of **Divisional Finance Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai-16.** An amount of **Rs.50/- (Rupees fifty only)** extra has to be paid for each tender document, if requisitioned by post

The tender documents will also be available on Website www southernrailway.org. This facility is available **from 02.08 2006 onwards** and the same can be downloaded and used as tender documents for submitting the offer This facility is available free of cost However, the demand draft (which should be drawn in favour of **Divisional Finance Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai-16**) towards the cost of tender document as prescribed will have to be enclosed along with tender document while submitting the same In case the offer is not accompanied with valid demand draft for the cost of the tender document the tender would be summarily rejected

The earnest money to be deposited, along with tender documents, should be in the form of a demand draft drawn in favour of **Divisional Finance Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai-16.**

The tender documents are not transferable and separate tender form should be submitted for 4 tonnes / 2.25 tonnes compartment for each train. The tender documents together with required Earnest Money Deposit should be dropped in the Tender Box kept in the office of Sr. **Divisional Commercial Manager, Southern Railway, Madurai Division, Madurai-625016.** The tender will be closed **on 29.08 2006 at 15.30 hrs. and will be opened at 16.00 hrs. on the same day.** Late, delayed, incomplete forms and tenders without sufficient Earnest Money Deposit will, summarily be rejected. The Railway administration will not be responsible for any delay or loss in postal transit

For further details please contact the following persons through Telephone Numbers

1. **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Madurai. (0452-2308200)**
2. **Divisional Commercial Manager, Madurai. (0452-2308204)**
3. **Assistant Commercial Manager, Madurai. (0452-2308250)**

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Madurai Division, Madurai-625016

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Two held in fake stamp paper racket

Bangalore, July 29: In its second judgment in the fake stamp paper cases in Karnataka, the special court, on Saturday convicted two men holding for possessing and selling fake stamp papers. The special court Judge Virupax V Angadi pronounced the sentences to the convicts

The convicts are, A Kannan and Jairaj. The court sentenced Kannan with 5 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 40,000 while Jairaj was sentenced to 7 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 40,000 The CCB had arrested Kannan at the Taluk office premises with 10 fake stamp papers with the face value of Rs 5,000 Later, the CCB police recovered 35 more fake stamp papers of the face value of Rs 5,000 in his house. On his information, the CCB police nabbed Jairaj, a resident of Tamil Nadu at a hotel in Madurai

He recovered 60 fake stamp papers with the face value of Rs 5,000 from his possession. The special court had convicted S Krishnamurthy of Bangalore, Manimuttu and G Raja of Coimbotore in April 2005. Abdul Karim Lala Telgi, the prime accused in the racket is not an accused in both these cases.ENS

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On behalf of the BSNL, the Executive Engineer (C) invites tender for the following works

1) Petty civil repair works in E9D to W29D at P&T Staff Quarters, Anna Nagar, Chennai

2) A/R maintenance (internal and external painting) of typ IV-4 Blocks and Type V-1 Block in Telephone Quarters at Taylors Road, Chennai-10

For further details visit our Website www.tamilnadu.bsnl.co.in

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IN BRIEF

S K Karim Khan

Karim Khan is dead

Gandhian, freedom fighter and folklorist S K Karim Khan died of cardiac arrest on Saturday morning at the Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain Hospital in Bangalore, DHNS reports. He was 98

Khan was suffering from lung infection and pneumonia and was bedridden for over a year

He was on a ventilator in the hospital's intensive care unit for the last ten days

He was buried on Saturday night at a graveyard in Ulsoor

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Sachin's security

Security for Sachin Tendulkar, Amitabh Bachchan and other prominent personalities has been stepped [illegible] owing intelligence reports that they could be [illegible]

[illegible]y, PTI reports [illegible] was enjoying 'X' category security cover has now been provided a one-step up 'Y' cate[illegible]

[illegible] places where he visits [illegible] country will be guarded by local police

Goyal in custody

A 19-year-old student who hit headlines for e-mailing a death threat to President A P J Abdul Kalam was on Saturday remanded to 14 days' judicial custody by a city court here. Sulabh Goyal was produced before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Seema Maini after a day's police custody. Goyal had allegedly sent the mail on July 19 from an Internet cafe in Indore after creating a new ID, PTI reports from New Delhi

Convoy attacked

Four people, including two militants were killed and eight others, including four army personnel, injured while security forces busted a hideout and arrested two [illegible] militants in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday night, UNI reports from Srinagar quoting an official spokesman. He said militants attacked an army convoy at Churoo, Awantipora, about 30 km from here on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway on Saturday

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Max 28.6°C

LANKAN LIONS MAKE HISTORY

Reuter

Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene (right) and Kumar Sangakkara celebrate after reaching a world record partnership of 578 on the third day of the first Test match against South Africa in Colombo on Saturday. The duo went on to score 624 for the third wicket. Report on Page 16.

TOP 10 PARTNERSHIPS

Runs	Players	Oppn	Venue	Year
624	K Sangakkara & M Jayawardene (SL)	SA	Colombo	2006
576	S Jayasuriya & R Mahanama (SL)	Ind	Colombo	1997-98
467	A Jones & Martin Crowe (NZ)	SL	Wellington	1990-91
451	D Bradman & Bill Ponsford (Aus)	Eng	The Oval	1934
451	M Nazar & J Miandad (Pak)	Ind	H'bad	1982-83
446	C Hunte & Gary Sobers (WI)	Pak	Kingston	1957-58
438	M Atapattu & K Sangakkara (SL)	Zim	Bulawayo	2004
429*	J Rudolph & B Dippenaar (SA)	Ban	Chittagong	2003
413	Pankaj Roy & V Mankad (Ind)	NZ	Chennai	1955/56
411	C Cowdrey & Peter May (Eng)	WI	Birmingham	1957

*Denotes unbeaten partnership

"I am proud to pass Jayasurya's record. He is a great cricketer. I am delighted. One day somebody will break this record as well. Right now I have it and it's a nice feeling. The disappointment is that I didn't get 400"

"It's a great feeling to have done something which no one has done before. That's what records are there for- to inspire you and break them.... Once I got to 280, I was thinking of passing 300. But it was not to be... At the end of my career I want to look back and feel that I have contributed something to Sri Lanka cricket."

Govt dillydallies on helmet rule

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Cash-strapped at the end of the month yet forced to shop for helmets'

Breathe easy. It may be [illegible] time before the State Government enforces the helmet rule

Sources in the Home Department said on Saturday that two-wheeler riders in the City would given a new deadline after a meeting between Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy and Home Department officials on Monday. "The idea is not to question the High Court directive

The Government wants to give people more time to purchase helmets," an official said. All through the day, however, it looked as though the helmet rule would come into effect from August 1

Confusing signals

It was only late in the evening that the Home Department hinted at a possible change in the deadline. Earlier in the day, Principal Secretary to the Transport Department, Thangaraj, had said that the rule — that makes helmets mandatory for two-wheeler riders and pillion riders in Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) areas and Corporation limits in Belgaum, Gulbarga, Hubli-Dharwad, Mangalore and Mysore — would come into force as planned. Mr Thangaraj was addressing a gathering at the National Seminar on Road Traffic Injury Prevention [illegible] used by NIMHANS

Earlier, Bangalore [illegible] Police Commissioner, N Achutha Rao, too, asserted that the police had not received any communication from the government on the extension of the deadline

A fine of Rs 100 would be collected from two-wheeler riders and pillion riders caught riding without helmets, the Commissioner said after inaugurating the revamped Cubbon Park Police Station

Dawood's buildings demolished

MUMBAI, IANS: With a large police squad keeping watch, bulldozers of the Mumbai civic authority on Saturday began tearing down several illegal structures in the [illegible] allegedly owned by mobster Dawood Ibrahim. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) began demolishing seven structures in the Sara Sahara shopping complex as well as the Mumin complex — both said to be owned by Dawood

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Did PVN fail to plug the 'mole' hole?

FROM K SUBRAHMANYA
DH News Service

NEW DELHI: Was the then Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao aware of the risks of a leak of his contemplated move to conduct a [illegible] Pokhran, sometime in the second half of 1995 or early 1996?

In the midst of the ongoing controversy kicked off by former external affairs minister Jaswant Singh's book, *A Call to Honour*, about the alleged existence of a US mole in Rao's establishment, it is highly improbable that there could be a definitive answer to the question, as the former prime minister is no more. But around the time Rao [illegible] perhaps contemplated test in the first half [illegible] — as several subsequent accounts have [illegible] former [illegible] [illegible] up at the [illegible] el should be as self-[illegible] compact a group as [illegible] manage, so that very [illegible] would be privy to all the sensitive information about the contemplated test

Recorded facts about the test plans, already available in public domain, show that Rao had first ordered the army to prepare the Pokhran site for nuclear tests at short notice in April [illegible] portfolio

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Lalu plans to reserve platforms exclusively for rail passengers

DH News Service

DUM DUM: In the aftermath of the Mumbai serial blasts, the railway ministry is mulling stricter security measures, including banning the entry of non-passengers in major railway stations and platforms across the country. Railway Minister Lalu Prasad announced here on Saturday

"We are seized with the issue of security of *bona fide* passengers and may soon implement steps to ban the entry of people, who don't possess *bona fide* train tickets, into important stations and platforms. Seeing-off will have to be done from outside the station," Prasad said after inaugurating a 3.8-km stretch of India's first circular rail that provides a direct link between an international airport and city limits

Aware that the anti-terror squad was facing difficulties in identifying the culprits involved in the blasts at seven Mumbai stations, the railway minister pointed out that as part of overhauling of the security measures, his ministry had been considering installation of close-circuit TVs and metal detectors in as many vulnerable stations and junctions as possible. "It will take some time but we'll do it," he said.

Dog squad

Among other measures to boost security at stations where long-distance trains originate and pass through, the railway ministry will deploy a sniffer dog squad permanently to keep a vigil on militant groups and suspicious characters

Of the 3.8-km stretch connecting Dum Dum International Airport with Dum Dum Cantonment Station in North 24 Parganas district, about 38 km from Kolkata, a 2.5-km track has been laid on an elevated corridor that crisscrosses the national highway and farmlands.

No fare hike

Prasad, who ruled out a hike in passenger fares, argued that revenue would be generated by carrying more freight. During the current financial year, the railways, which earns Rs 60 crore a day, has been targeting a surplus of Rs 25,500 crore against the last year's Rs 13,500 crore

The fares of superfast passenger trains would be also revised in the interest of the common man, he said.

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IN BRIEF

S K Karim Khan

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[illegible] the hospital's intensive care unit for the last ten days. He was buried on Saturday [illegible] graveyard in Ulsoor.

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Sachin's security

[illegible] Sachin's [illegible] sonalities has been stepped up following intelligence reports that they could be targets of terrorists, police said on Saturday. PTI reports Sachin, who was enjoying an 'X' category security cover, has now been provided a one-step up 'Y' category security, they said. It means armed bodyguards will accompany Tendulkar wherever he goes, while his residence in Mumbai and other places where he visits in the country will be guarded by local police.

Goyal in custody

A 19-year-old student who hit headlines for e-mailing a death threat to President A P J Abdul Kalam was on Saturday remanded to 14 days' judicial custody by a city court here. Sulabh Goyal was produced before Chief [illegible] Magistrate [illegible] a Mami after a day's police custody. Goyal had allegedly sent the mail on July 19 from an Internet cafe in Indore after creating a new ID, PTI reports from New Delhi.

Convoy attacked

Four people, including two militants were killed and eight others, including four army personnel, injured while security forces busted a hideout and arrested two Lashker ultras in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday night, UNI reports from Srinagar quoting an official spokesman. He said militants attacked an army convoy at Chursoo, Awantipora, about 30 km from here on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway on Saturday.

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LANKAN LIONS MAKE HISTORY

Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene (right) and Kumar Sangakkara celebrate after reaching a world record partnership of 578 on the third day of the first Test match against South Africa in Colombo on Saturday. The duo went on to score 624 for the third wicket. Report on Page 16.

TOP 10 PARTNERSHIPS

Runs	Players	Oppn	Venue	Year
624	K Sangakkara & M Jayawardene (SL)	SA	Colombo	2006
576	S Jayasuriya & R Mahanama (SL)	Ind	Colombo	1997-98
467	A Jones & Martin Crowe (NZ)	SL	Wellington	1990-91
451	D Bradman & Bill Ponsford (Aus)	Eng	The Oval	1934
451	M Nazar & J Miandad (Pak)	Ind	H'bad	1982-83
446	C Hunte & Gary Sobers (WI)	Pak	Kingston	1957-58
438	M Atapattu & K Sangakkara (SL)	Zim	Bulawayo	2004
429*	J Rudolph & B Dippenaar (SA)	Ban	Chittagong	2005
413	Pankaj Roy & V Mankad (Ind)	NZ	Chennai	1955/56
411	C Cowdrey & Peter May (Eng)	WI	Birmingham	1957

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"I am proud to pass Jayasurya's record. He is a great cricketer. I am delighted. One day somebody will break this record as well. Right now I have it and it's a nice feeling. The disappointment is that I didn't get 400."

"It's a great feeling to have done something which no one has done before. That's what records are there for- to inspire you and break them.... Once I got to 286 [illegible] passing 300. But I was not to be... At the end [illegible] feel that I have contributed something to Sri Lanka cricket."

Govt dillydallies on helmet rule

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Cash-strapped at the end of the month yet forced to shop for helmets? Breathe easy. It may be some time before the State Government enforces the helmet rule.

Sources in the Home Department said on Saturday that two-wheeler riders in the City would given a new deadline after a meeting between Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy and Home Department officials on Monday. "The idea is not to question the High Court directive.

The Government wants to give people more time to purchase helmets," an official said. All through the day, however, it looked as though the helmet rule would come into effect from August 1.

Confusing signals

It was only late in the evening that the Home Department hinted at a possible change in the deadline. Earlier in the day, Principal Secretary to the Transport Department, Thangaraj, had said that the rule — that makes helmets mandatory for two-wheeler riders and pillion riders in Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) areas and Corporation limits in Belgaum, Gulbarga, Hubli-Dharwad, Mangalore and Mysore — would come into force as planned. Mr Thangaraj was addressing a gathering at the National Seminar on "Road Traffic Injury Prevention" [illegible] used by NIMHANS.

Earlier, Bangalore [illegible] Police Commissioner [illegible] Achutha Rao, too, asserted that the police had not received any communication from the government on the extension of the deadline.

A fine of Rs 100 would be collected from two-wheeler riders and pillion riders caught riding without helmets, the Commissioner said after inaugurating the revamped Cubbon Park Police Station.

Dawood's buildings demolished

MUMBAI, JANS: With a large police squad keeping watch, bulldozers of the Mumbai civic authority on Saturday began tearing down several illegal structures in the [illegible] reportedly owned by mobster Dawood Ibrahim. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) began demolishing seven structures in the Sara Sahara shopping complex as well as the Mumin complex — both said to be owned by Dawood.

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Did PVN fail to plug the 'mole' hole?

FROM K SUBRAHMANYA
DH News Service

NEW DELHI: Was the then Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao aware of the risks of a leak of his contemplated move to conduct a [illegible] Pokhran, sometime in the second half of 1995 or early 1996?

In the midst of the ongoing controversy kicked off by former external affairs minister Jaswant Singh's book, *A Call to Honour*, about the alleged existence of a US mole in Rao's establishment, it is highly improbable that there could be a definitive answer to the question, as the former prime minister is no more. But around the time Rao had perhaps contemplated the test in the first half of 1995 — as several subsequent accounts have revealed — the former prime minister might very well have consulted [illegible] [illegible] el should be as select and compact a group as he could manage, so that very few would be privy to all the sensitive information about the contemplated test.

Recorded facts about the test plans, already available in public domain, show that Rao had first ordered the army to prepare the Pokhran site for nuclear tests at short notice in April

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Lalu plans to reserve platforms exclusively for rail passengers

DH News Service

DUM DUM: In the aftermath of the Mumbai serial blasts, the railway ministry is mulling stricter security measures, including banning the entry of non-passengers in major railway stations and platforms across the country, Railway Minister Lalu Prasad announced here on Saturday.

"We are seized with the issue of security of *bona fide* passengers and may soon implement steps to ban the entry of people, who don't possess *bona fide* train tickets, into important stations and platforms. Seeing-off will have to be done from outside the station," Prasad said after inaugurating a 3.8-km stretch of India's first circular rail that provides a direct link between an international airport and city limits.

Aware that the anti-terror squad was facing difficulties in identifying the culprits involved in the blasts at seven Mumbai stations, the railway minister pointed out that as part of overhauling of the security measures, his ministry had been considering installation of close-circuit TVs and metal detectors in as many vulnerable stations and junctions as possible. "It will take some time but we'll do it," he said.

Dog squad

Among other measures to boost security at stations where long-distance trains originate and pass through, the railway ministry will deploy a sniffer dog squad permanently to keep a vigil on militant groups and suspicious characters.

Of the 3.8-km stretch connecting Dum Dum International Airport with the Dum Dum Cantonment Station in North 24 Parganas district, about 38 km from Kolkata, a 2.5-km track has been laid on an elevated corridor that crisscrosses the national highway and farmlands.

No fare hike

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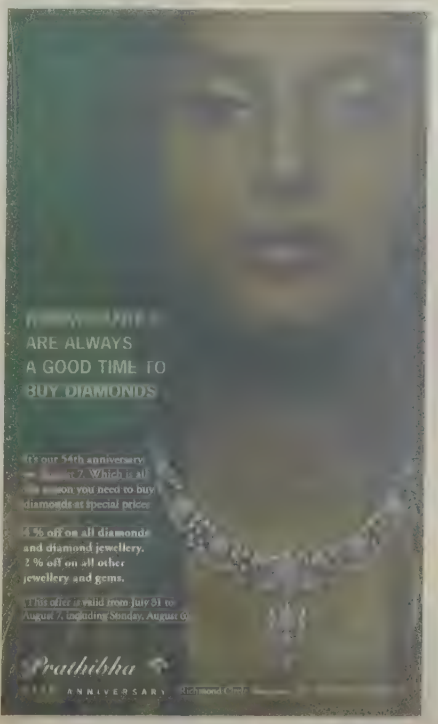
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Experts vouch for public health corps

By Kavitha Kushalappa
DH News Service

BANGALORE: Will the recently-set up Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) eventually lead up to the revival of the erstwhile Indian Medical Service cadre on the lines of the IAS or IPS? Community Health experts are hoping that it shall be so.

Top among the PHFI's stated goals is to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to public health by setting up a few National Schools of Public Health on the lines of IITs and IIMs. The Indian Council of Medical Research is also said to be keen on setting up a few such schools.

Community health experts observe that the end purpose of these schools will be better served if the State governments change their recruitment policy and give weightage to trained public health professionals.

Dr Thelma Narayan, Public Health Policy professional and Joint Convenor of the People's Health Movement (PHM), notes that India's success in fighting small pox or malaria in the immediate years surrounding Independence was largely due to the IMS cadres.

Speaking to *Deccan Herald*, she recalled that the IMS cadres were trained by the British on the lines of the Indian Civil Service (ICS) cadres. Post-independence, the ICS cadres were repackaged as IAS, but the IMS cadres were disbanded as health and education became subjects.

Highlights

- Malaria, small pox curbed during Independence due to Indian medical service cadres
- IMS cadre disbanded post Independence
- To provide multi-disciplinary approach to public health
- Separate cadre needed to take care of public health in commercialised world

Though the State governments did absorb some of the IMS cadres, there was no training of future cadres. It has meant that today, posts such as district health officers or programme control officers (read malaria control officer) and directorate-level positions are held by clinicians and administrative cadres, she noted.

Commodity

Dr Jayaprakash Muliyil of Christian Medical College is a Steering Committee Member of the World Health Organisation backed SEAPHEIN (South East Asia Public Health Education Institutes Network) which was set up in 2004.

Arguing for a separate cadre to take care of public health, Dr Muliyil queried thus: "Medicine has become a commodity; medical colleges are also commercialised. Who will look after public health then?"

He went on to note that in a commercialised atmosphere, "doctors benefit" from the outbreak of epidemics and that "the system is ideal" for industries and development to flourish without considering their impact on health and environment. For the people directly linked with the PHFI, it is early days yet.

The first meeting of its governing council is slated for August 3. When contacted, Dr Srinath Reddy, PHFI Director-designate and renowned preventive cardiologist, noted that health cadres and their recruitment are a policy issue concerning the State governments.

"The PHFI will be looking at a public health service. It is best done in consultation with people already in it. We will seek to establish a consensus," he said

Director of Vijaynagara Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary, Dr Khaja Naseerudin, Minister for Medical Education Dr V S Acharya and Principal of Bangalore Medical College Dr Rajeshwari T during a seminar on health records at the Bangalore Medical College premises in Bangalore on Saturday.

Filling up of govt medical seat quota from August 6

BANGALORE, DHNS: The Common Entrance Test (CET) Cell will conduct a special selection process for three days from August 6 to fill the 275 medical seats added recently to the government's kitty, Medical Education Minister V S Acharya announced on Saturday.

Dr Acharya told reporters that with the Medical Council of India (MCI) approving two new government medical colleges (in Mandya and Belgaum), 200 medical seats had been added to the government quota. Counselling, apart from these seats, for an additional 50 seats in MVJ Medical College, Bangalore, and 25 seats in Basaveshwara Medical College, Chitradurga, would be held during the three days. The new medical colleges in Belgaum and Mandya will start functioning from September 1, he added.

Replying to a query, Dr Acharya said private educational and religious institutions had shown interest in setting up medical colleges in districts with none [illegible] Gadag, Koppal, Uttara Kannada, Chickmagalur, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Haveri have neither government nor private medical colleges.

He said the government plans to grant autonomy to the medical colleges in Mysore and [illegible] soon.

Highlights

Bangalore, dhns: The government is planning to extend the retirement age for medical teaching staff to 65 years, along with offering attractive pay scales.

These issues would be placed before the next Cabinet meeting for consideration. The proposal would be in tune with MCI norms, Dr Acharya said

To fill vacant teaching posts in medical colleges, the government is planning to transfer doctors from the Department of Health and Family Welfare Services to the Department of Medical Education, he added

BU's MSc course in molecular biology, life sciences

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Bangalore University (BU) will start two new post-graduate courses – MSc (molecular biology) and MSc (life sciences) – in addition to a post-graduate course in electronic media from this academic year.

A decision to this effect was taken at the BU Syndicate meeting held on Saturday. The intake for these courses will be decided by the respective departments after making arrangements for the required laboratory facilities and infrastructure, sources said.

The tuition fees, however, will be on the high side, as all the three courses have been categorised as self-financing. An official notification will be issued next week.

BU has already invited applications for admission to various PG courses for academic year 2006-07 at the Jnana Bharathi campus, the Central College campus, the PG Centre at Kolar and in affiliated colleges. Students can apply for the new courses once the official notification is out, sources added.

Meanwhile, affiliated colleges accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) irrespective of their ranking can now apply for autonomy with BU. Earlier, BU had stipulated that colleges with five-star ranking alone can apply for autonomy.

President A P J Abdul Kalam will be visiting BU on August 21 to inaugurate a two-day seminar on "Women in Science and Technology" organised by the Centre for Women Studies. Governor T N Chaturvedi will inaugurate another seminar – "Forum for free thought" – on August 4. Meanwhile, BU's newsletter Jnana Vahini will be launched on August 10.

OBITUARY

Janapada Jangama is dead

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Freedom fighter; Gandhian and folklorist S K Karim Khan breathed his last on Saturday morning (11.50 am), following a cardiac arrest, at the Bhagavan Mahaveer Jain Hospital. He was 98.

Karim Khan who was kept in the ICU, was on a ventilator for the last 10 days. He was suffering from lung infection and pneumonia, and was bedridden for over a year.

He was buried at 8 p.m. at the Ulsoor graveyard.

As a poet, writer, lyricist, novelist, playwright, orator and editor, a multi-faceted Karim Khan went by many names that described him as 'Janapada Jangama', 'walking encyclopedia' and 'incredible speaker' and more.

His contribution to the folk arts has been justly identified and his *Janapada Geethegalu* decorate the libraries in many academies. His role during the Independence, the Karnataka Unification, formation of the Bharat Seva Dal and as a strong campaigner of the Congress party, post Independence, gives a glimpse into the life of this bachelor who led a simple life.

Hindu philosophy

Born in 1905 in Sakleshpur, Hassan district, Karim Khan took to Hindu philosophy and started collecting folk literature at an early age. His father Rehman Khan had migrated from Kabul in Afghanistan and set up base in south India.

Having entered the freedom movement, he was imprisoned eight times. He then plunged into politics where his ability as an orator helped the Congress party build a rapport with the masses.

He was recently presented with the Kempe Gowda award that added to his plethora of awards — the Nadoja award presented by the Hampi University, Janapada Shri by the State, Hamsaratna Prashasthi and the G Sham Pa award.

He also received the State award for his dialogues for the film *'Sharana Gowri'* that won the National Award.

Apart from writing dialogues for more than 25 Kannada films, he also penned lyrics for several Kannada movies, particularly mythological films. Mr Khan also served as the Chairman of the Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy.

Mr Khan who had lived for more than 30 years at the Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, Bangalore, was moved to his brother's house in Ulsoor after he broke his femur 10 years ago.

None fulfilled it

Successive governments assured him a house. But none of them fulfilled it. Mr S M Krishna, during his tenure as Chief Minister promised to gift a house in his personal capacity. He handed over the key of a house located in Banashankari II stage. But Mr Khan refused to accept the CM's personal gift.

Recently Home Minister M P Prakash in the Legislative Council had announced that the government would grant a house for Mr Khan. But that too did not materialise with the death Khan.

Governor T N Chaturvedi and Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy.

Chintan baitak: BJP yet to finalise location

BANGALORE, DHNS: The State unit of the BJP is yet to finalise the location for conducting its two-day 'chintan baitak' scheduled to commence from August 5. During the baitak, the performance of the BJP ministers would be reviewed according to Party President D V Sadananda Gowda.

Senior party leader M Venkaiah Naidu National General Secretary Ananthkumar, Organising Secretary Santosh [illegible] office bearers will attend the meeting.

Examination

The Railway Recruitment Board of Bangalore has scheduled computerised examination for the post of Junior Engineer/ telecom and S and T on July 30. Results will be announced the same day and counselling and verification will be held the next day.

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Boundary row: All-party team for Delhi on Aug 2

DH News Service

BELGAUM: Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said that an all-party delegation from Karnataka will clarify its stand before the Centre, on the border dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra on August 2, in New Delhi.

Disclosing this to media-persons who met him at Athani on Saturday, the Chief Minister said he was convening a meeting of all party leaders on Monday (July 31) in connection with the border dispute.

"I will also invite some people who have fought during the unification of the state, besides other experts from different fields to this meeting," he added.

Clarifying his stand on the continued border row between Karnataka and Maharashtra, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said, "it is unfair to take up the issue of border dispute again and again, when a final decision on resolving the dispute has already been taken in the past. The issue has already said that the report of Mahajan Commission is final and binding. It is unfair to change it."

Other problems

The CM said that there was no need to pressurise the Centre to take up the border dispute issue. Whether it is Karnataka, Maharashtra or any other state for that matter, there are many other problems in the states which need attention. "We need to focus our attention on solving these problems. The common man's problems should also be looked into," he said.

"Political motives"

"None of moves on the border row should be taken with political motives. The Centre knows its responsibility and there is a need for the Centre to look at the problems of all states, before arriving at a final decision on its stand about the border dispute. Decisions should not be taken under pressure or in an emotional state," he said.

The Mahajan Commission had already come out with its report and Karnataka would stand by it. The State would not change its stand, he said.

Judicial probe into illegal mining soon, says CM

DH News Service

ATHANI (BELGAUM DIST): Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said a judicial probe into the alleged illegal mining in the state will commence soon.

If anybody has information or any other evidence against illegal mining in the state, such matters should be brought to the notice of the authorities probing into the allegations.

Speaking to media persons here on Saturday, the chief minister said, "I request the people to bring any evidence they have with regard to illegal mining, to the notice of the team taking up the judicial probe, so that the property of Karnataka can be saved."

"Any evidence"

"Allegations are also being made about the involvement of my family in the illegal mining. If Congress leader D K Shivakumar has any evidence of my family's involvement in the illegal mining, he has every the rights to bring it out," he added.

When asked about the allegations levelled by Mr Shivakumar against his family, he said Mr Shivakumar should not take up such issues for the sake of publicity.

If he had any proof or documents regarding my family's involvement in illegal mining, he should produce it before the probe team, he added.

Now it is Shivakumar's turn

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Congress leader D K Shivakumar has criticised Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy for referring to him as 'a thief' while reacting to the allegations made on his family members. Addressing a press conference in Bangalore on Saturday, Mr Shivakumar wanted to know from Mr Kumaraswamy that when and what he did steal. Whether a theft he was registered again him? Where the case was registered? When was he punished?

Mr Shivakumar said, being a responsible chief minister of the state, he should answer the questions. Otherwise people of the state would lose faith in him, he added.

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Weather Watch

Monsoon was weak over coastal Karnataka. Rainfall occurred at a few places over Interior. Heavy rainfall amounts (cm): Londa 8. **Other chief rainfall amounts (cm):** Nilkund, Yellapura, Khanapur 6 each; Sulya, Kadra, Siddapura, Humchadakatte 4 each; Sirsi, Joida, Nippani, Belgaum, Bhagamandala, Somwarpet, Sakleshpura, Arkalgud 3 each; Belthangadi, Siddapura, Mundagod, Haliyal, Chikodi, Haunsbhavi, Chincholi, Yadgir, Manvi, Sagar, Thirthahalli, Madikeri, Sandur, Hagaribommanahalli, Chitradurga 2 each.

Farmers forecast valid until the morning of Monday: Moderate to heavy rain likely to occur at many places over all districts of coastal Karnataka

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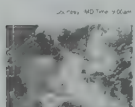
Outlook for subsequent two days: No significant change is expected over the State



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Chitradurga	26	19	08	Gulbarga	28	19	03
Chikmagalur	24	NA	NA	Raichur	30	22	02
Hassan	24	18	01	**Coastal**			
Mysore	27	19	00	Honnavar	29	25	06
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Experts vouch for public health corps

By Kavitha Kushalappa
DH News Service

BANGALORE: Will the recently set up Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) eventually lead up to the revival of the erstwhile Indian Medical Service cadre on the lines of the IAS or IPS? Community health experts are hoping that it shall be so.

Top among the PHFI's stated goals is to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to public health by setting up a few National Schools of Public Health on the lines of IITs and IIMs. The Indian Council of Medical Research is also said to be keen on setting up a few such schools.

Community health experts observe that the end purpose of these schools will be better served if the State governments change their recruitment policy and give weightage to trained public health professionals.

Dr Thelma Narayan, Public Health Policy professional and Joint Convenor of the People's Health Movement (PHM), notes that India's success in fighting small pox or malaria in the immediate years surrounding Independence was largely due to the IMS cadres.

Speaking to *Deccan Herald*, she recalled that the IMS cadres were trained by the British on the lines of the Indian Civil Service (ICS) cadres. Post-independence, the ICS cadres were repackaged as IAS, but the IMS cadres were disbanded as health and education became subjects.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Malaria, small pox curbed during Independence due to Indian medical service cadres
- IMS cadre disbanded post Independence
- To provide multi-disciplinary approach to public health
- Separate cadre needed to take care of public health in commercialised world

Though the State governments did absorb some of the IMS cadres, there was no training of future cadres. It has meant that today, posts such as district health officers or programme control officers (read malaria control officer) and directorate-level positions are held by clinicians and administrative cadres, she noted.

Commodity

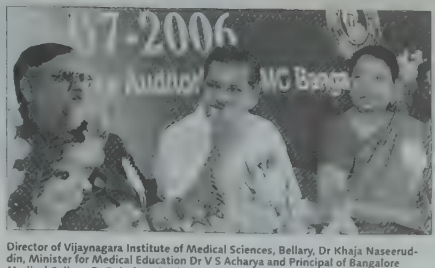
Dr Jayaprakash Muliyil of Christian Medical College is a Steering Committee Member of the World Health Organisation backed SEAPHEIN (South East Asia Public Health Education Institutes Network) which was set up in 2004.

Arguing for a separate cadre to take care of public health, Dr Muliyil queried thus: "Medicine has become a commodity, medical colleges are also commercialised. Who will look after public health then?"

He went on to note that in a commercialised atmosphere, "doctors benefit" from the outbreak of epidemics and that "the system is ideal" for industries and development to flourish without considering their impact on health and environment. For the people directly linked with the PHFI, it is early days yet.

The first meeting of its governing council is slated for August 3. When contacted, Dr Srinath Reddy, PHFI Director-designate and renowned preventive cardiologist, noted that health cadres and their recruitment are a policy issue concerning the State governments.

"The PHFI will be looking at a public health service. It is best done in consultation with people already in it. We will seek to establish a consensus," he said.



Director of Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary, Dr Khaja Naseeruddin, Minister for Medical Education Dr V S Acharya and Principal of Bangalore Medical College Dr Rajeshwari T during a seminar on health records at the Bangalore Medical College premises in Bangalore on Saturday.

Filling up of govt medical seat quota from August 6

BANGALORE, DHNS: The Common Entrance Test (CET) Cell will conduct a special selection process for three days from August 6 to fill the 275 medical seats added recently to the government's kitty, Medical Education Minister V S Acharya announced on Saturday.

Dr Acharya told reporters that with the Medical Council of India (MCI) approving two new govern ment Engineering Colleges (in Mandya and Belgaum), 200 medical seats had been added to the government quota. Counselling, apart from these seats, for an additional 50 seats in MVJ Medical College, Bangalore, and 25 seats in Basaveshwara Medical College, Chitradurga, would be held during the three days. The new medical colleges in Belgaum and Mandya will start functioning from September 1, he added.

Replying to a query, Dr Acharya said private educational and religious institutions had shown interest in setting up medical colleges in districts with none at present.

WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

Bangalore, dhns: The government is planning to extend the retirement age for medical teaching staff to 65 years, along with offering attractive pay scales.

These issues would be placed before the next Cabinet meeting for consideration. The proposal would be in tune with MCI norms, Dr Acharya said.

To fill vacant teaching posts in medical colleges, the government is planning to transfer doctors from the Department of Health and Family Welfare Services to the Department of Medical Education, he added.

Gadag, Koppal, Uttara Kannada, Chickmagalur, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Haveri have neither government nor private medical colleges.

He said the government plans to grant autonomy to the medical colleges based in Mysore and Bangalore soon.

BU's MSc course in molecular biology, life sciences

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Bangalore University (BU) will start two new post-graduate courses – MSc (molecular biology) and MSc (life sciences) – in addition to a post-graduate course in electronic media from this academic year.

A decision to this effect was taken at the BU Syndicate meeting held on Saturday. The intake for these courses will be decided by the respective departments after making arrangements for the required laboratory facilities and infrastructure, sources said.

The tuition fees, however, will be on the high side, as all the three courses have been categorised as self-financing. An official notification will be issued next week.

BU has already invited applications for admission to various PG courses for academic year 2006-07 at the Jnana Bharathi campus, the Central College campus, the PG Centre at Kolar and in affiliated colleges. Students can apply for the new courses once the official notification is out, sources added.

Meanwhile, affiliated colleges accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) irrespective of their ranking can now apply for autonomy with BU. Earlier, BU had stipulated that colleges with five-star ranking alone can apply for autonomy.

President A P J Abdul Kalam will be visiting BU on August 21 to inaugurate a two-day seminar on "Women in Science and Technology" organised by the Centre for Women Studies. Governor T N Chaturvedi will inaugurate another seminar – "Forum for free thought" – on August 4. Meanwhile, BU's newsletter Jnana Vahini will be launched on August 10.

OBITUARY

Janapada Jangama is dead

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Freedom fighter, Gandhian and folklorist S K Karim Khan breathed his last on Saturday morning (11.50 am), following a cardiac arrest, at the Bhagavan Mahaveer Jain Hospital. He was 98.

Karim Khan who was kept in the ICU, was on a ventilator for the last 10 days. He was suffering from lung infection and pneumonia, and was bedridden for over a year.

He was buried at 8 p.m. at the Ulsoor graveyard.

As a poet, writer, lyricist, novelist, playwright, orator and editor, a multifaceted Karim Khan went by many names that described him as 'Janapada Jangama', 'walking encyclopedia', 'the incredible speaker' and more.

His contribution to the folk arts has been justly identified and his *Janapada Geethegalu* decorate the libraries in many academies. His role during the Independence, the Karnataka Unification, formation of the Bharat Seva Dal and as a strong campaigner of the Congress party, post Independence, gives a glimpse into the life of this bachelor who led a simple life.

Hindu philosophy

Born in 1905 in Sakleshpur, Hassan district, Karim Khan took to Hindu philosophy and started collecting folk literature at an early age. His father Rehman Khan had migrated from Kabul in Afghanistan and set up base in south India.

Having entered the freedom movement, he was imprisoned eight times. He then plunged into politics where his ability as an orator helped the Congress party build a rapport with the masses.

He was recently presented with the Kempe Gowda award that added to his plethora of awards – the Nadoja award presented by the Hampi University, Janapada Shri by the State, Hamsaratna Prashasthi and the G Sham Pa award.

He also received the State award for his dialogues for the film *'Sharna Gowri'* that won the National Award.

Apart from writing dialogues for more than 25 Kannada films, he also penned lyrics for several Kannada movies, particularly mythological films. Mr Khan also served as the Chairman of the Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy.

Mr Khan who had lived for more than 30 years at the Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, Bangalore, was moved to his brother's house in Ulsoor after he broke his femur 10 years ago.

None fulfiled it

Successive governments assured him a house. But none of them fulfiled it. Mr S M Krishna, during his tenure as Chief Minister promised to gift a house in his personal capacity. He handed over the key of a house located in Banashankari II stage. But Mr Khan refused to accept the CM's personal gift.

Recently Home Minister M P Prakash in the Legislative Council had announced that the government had built a house for Mr Khan. But that too did not materialise with the death Khan.

Governor T N Chaturvedi and Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy.

Chintan baitak: BJP yet to finalise location

BANGALORE, DHNS: The State unit of the BJP is yet to finalise the location for conducting its two-day 'chintan baitak' scheduled to commence from August 5. During the baitak, the performance of the BJP ministers would be reviewed, according to Party President D V Sadananda Gowda.

Senior party leader M Venkaiah Naidu, General Secretary Anumar Organising Committee Sanjay Joshi and state unit leaders would attend the meeting.

CAREER

Examination

The Railway Recruitment Board of Bangalore has scheduled computerised examination for the post of Junior Engineer/ telecom and S and T on July 30. Results will be announced the same day and counselling and verification will be held the next day.

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Boundary row: All-party team for Delhi on Aug 2

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BELGAUM: Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said that an all-party delegation from Karnataka will clarify its stand before the Centre, on the border dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra on August 2, in New Delhi.

Disclosing this to media persons who met him at Athani on Saturday, the Chief Minister said he was convening a meeting of all party leaders on Monday (July 31) in connection with the border dispute.

"I will also invite some people who have fought during the unification of the state, besides other experts from different fields to this meeting," he added.

Clarifying his stand on the continued border row between Karnataka and Maharashtra, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said, "it is unfair to take up the issue of border dispute again and again, when a final decision on resolving the dispute has already been taken in the past. The state has already said that the report of Mahajan Commission is final and binding. It is unfair to change it."

Other problems

The CM said that there was no need to pressurise the Centre to take up the border dispute issue. Whether it is Karnataka, Maharashtra or any other state for that matter, there are many other problems in the states which need attention. "We need to focus our attention on solving these problems. The common man's problems should also be looked into," he said.

"Political motives"

"None of moves on the border row should be taken with political motives. The Centre knows its responsibility and there is a need for the Centre to look at the problems of all states, before arriving at a final decision on its stand about the border dispute. Decisions should not be taken under pressure or in an emotional state," he said.

The Mahajan Commission had already come out with its report and Karnataka would stand by it. The State would not change its stand, he said.

WEATHER / WATER LEVEL

Monsoon was weak over coastal Karnataka. Rainfall occurred at a few places over Interior. Heavy rainfall amounts (cm): Londa 8. Other chief rainfall amounts (cm): Nilkund, Yellapura, Khanapur 6 each; Sulya, Kadra, Siddapura, Humchadakatte 4 each; Sirsi, Joida, Nippani, Belgaum, Bhagamandala, Somwarpet, Sakleshpura, Arkalgud 3 each; Belthangadi, Siddapura, Mundagod, Haliyal, Chikodi, Haunsbhavi, Chincholi, Yadgir, Manvi, Sagar, Thirthahalli, Madikeri, Sandur, Hagaribommanahalli, Chitradurga 2 each.

Farmers forecast valid until the morning of Monday: Moderate to heavy rain likely to occur at many places over all districts of coastal Karnataka.

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Judicial probe into illegal mining soon, says CM

DH News Service

ATHANI (BELGAUM DIST): Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said a judicial probe into the alleged illegal mining in the state will commence soon.

If anybody has information or any other evidence against illegal mining in the state, such matters should be brought to the notice of the authorities probing into the allegations.

Speaking to media persons here on Saturday, the chief minister said, "I request the people to bring any evidence they have with regard to illegal mining, to the notice of the team taking up the judicial probe, so that the property of Karnataka can be saved."

"Any evidence"

"Allegations are also being made about the involvement of my family in the illegal mining. If Congress leader D K Shivakumar has any evidence of my family's involvement in the illegal mining, he has every the rights to bring it out," he added.

When asked about the allegations levelled by Mr Shivakumar against his family, he said Mr Shivakumar should not take up such issues for the sake of publicity.

If he had any proof or documents regarding my family's involvement in illegal mining, he should produce it before the probe team, he added.

Now it is Shivakumar's turn

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Congress leader D K Shivakumar has criticised Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy for referring to him as 'a thief' while reacting to the allegations made on his family members. Addressing a press conference in Bangalore on Saturday, Mr Shivkumar wanted to know from Mr Kumaraswamy till when and what he did steal? Whether a theft case was registered against him? Where the case was registered? When was he punished?

Mr Shivakumar said, being a responsible chief minister of the state, he should answer the questions. Otherwise people of the state would lose faith in him, he added.

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Helmet rule

Bangalore: The compulsory helmet rule is unlikely to come into effect from August 1 as the State Government is likely to postpone it by a month. After intense pressure, the Chief Minister has decided to postpone the deadline, government sources said on Saturday.

▶See City Express

LeT suspect

New Delhi: *Oracle India Ltd* on Saturday said in a statement that Muzzamil, arrested for alleged links with LeT, is not and has never been its employee

J&K sex racket

Srinagar: The CBI on Saturday chargesheeted seven persons including two former state ministers and a senior IAS officer for allegedly procuring girls for prostitution ▶See P7

Rains in Gujarat

Ahmedabad: About 2,000 families were evacuated from low-lying areas of Navsari and Bharuch districts in South Gujarat as heavy rains lashed the state

Bail plea shelved

Mumbai: Sessions court in Mumbai deferred till August 1, the bail plea of Pravin Mahajan, accused of killing Pramod Mahajan

Three killed

Thanjavur: Three, including an official of the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation, were killed and four others injured when the car they were travelling rammed a tree on Saturday ▶See P6

Israel pulls back

Jerusalem: Israeli forces have pulled back from positions around Bint Jbeil, the Army said ▶See P12

Pakistan's envoy

Islamabad: Zamir Akram, currently working with Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, is expected to be Pakistan's new High Commissioner to India

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Now, tight security at rly stations

Bankura (West Bengal), July 29: Close Circuit TVs would be installed and sniffer dogs would be deployed at all major railway stations and junctions, as a preventive measure against incidents such as the serial blasts in Mumbai, Railway Minister Lalu Prasad said on Saturday.

Control rooms would also be opened in such stations and junctions, Prasad said after flagging off the Bankura-Hatia passenger train here.

Earlier, inaugurating the country's first Multi-Modal Transport System at NSC Bose International Airport in Kolkata, he said, "After the Mumbai blasts, we are now introducing strict security measures at stations. Only bonafide passengers will be allowed on the platforms. Seeing-off will have to take place outside."

Other security steps would include installation of metal detectors at all entry points to railway stations, he said.

Ruling out a hike in passenger fares, Lalu said revenue would be generated by carrying more freight.

During the current financial year, the Railways was targeting a surplus of Rs 23,500 crore against last year's Rs 13,500 crore, the Minister said.

The Railways was earning Rs 60 crore each day, he said.

The fares of superfast passenger trains would also be revised in the interest of the common people, he said.

Speaking in the presence of Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel in Kolkata, Lalu said just as airports were being modernised, his ministry would soon launch pilot projects to upgrade select junction stations.

"We are now competing with air traffic. So, we have reduced the fare for first class and air conditioned two-tier coaches. Air-conditioned 'garib raths' would be launched for the poor and the fares would be kept at Rs 600 only," he said ●PTI

Security on tracks

- CCTVs, sniffer dogs at all major junctions
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Pak role in cross-border terror clear: Narayanan

New Delhi, July 29: Objecting to certain comments made by US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher after the Mumbai bomb blasts, India has said the evidence with it about Pakistan's role in cross-border terrorism was "stronger" than what Washington had after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan said Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashker-e-Toiba had international influence and it was important for the US to understand its "ramifications".

"Boucher did not talk to anyone of us. (But) he has made a statement," Narayanan told Karan Thapar's 'Devil's Advocate' programme on CNN-IBN when referred to the US official's remarks suggesting that India had no evidence to blame Pakistan for the Mumbai blasts

"If he (Boucher) wished to have information, we are willing to talk to whoever is wanting to know the facts. He has not fallen into that category as of now," the NSA said.

Boucher had said that nobody has clinching evidence to pinpoint the perpetrators of the wave of deadly attacks in Mumbai. "The evidence...as far as who they were, who was responsible -- I don't think we've seen a lot yet.... I think we need to be led by the evidence before we start trying to draw conclusions and make policy pronouncements on it," the US official had said.

Narayanan said the government has proof of how terrorism is controlled from Pakistan and in this regard mentioned the arrest of two foreign nationals in the aftermath of Mumbai blasts. He said LeT was far greater threat than al-Qaeda due to its greater reach●PTI

BURNING FOR LOVED ONES

A police officer tries to douse the flames off Rajneesh Kumar, who tried to immolate himself in an act of protest in New Delhi on Saturday. Kumar has been staging in protest, since May 25, 2006, to appeal for help in the release of his wife and three children who were allegedly kidnapped in Etah, of Uttar Pradesh, where an average of at least seven people are kidnapped everyday, a television channel reported earlier this month. Kumar is out of danger and admitted in a city hospital—AP

Security for Sachin, Amitabh upped

Mumbai, July 29: Security for cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, superstar Amitabh Bachchan and other prominent personalities has been stepped up following intelligence reports that they could be targets of terrorists, police said here on Saturday

Tendulkar, who was enjoying an 'X' category security, has now been provided one-step up 'Y' category security, they said. It means armed bodyguards will accompany Tendulkar where ever he goes, while his residence in Mumbai and other places where he visits in the country will be guarded by local police, they added

Apart from Tendulkar, security of 'icons' staying in Mumbai, like superstars Bachchan, Shahrukh Khan, industrialist Mukesh Ambani, has also been stepped up, police said, but refused to divulge the nature of security provided to them.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Protection and Security), Mumbai, Surendra Kumar, said that security to Tendulkar and other personalities has been stepped up upon specific intelligence input.

"He (Tendulkar) is one of the iconic personalities and therefore his security arrangements have been further beefed up," Kumar said●PTI

Tough series ahead, says Rahul

Bangalore, July 29: Skipper Rahul Dravid today opined that the upcoming Triseries in Sri Lanka, South Africa is the third team, will be tough.

Talking to newsmen here, he said that "we have a tough series ahead with Sri Lanka doing well in the recent ODIs".

When asked whether India can bounce back after losing the ODI series 4-1 against West Indies in its recent tour Dravid said that "if we begin well in Sri Lanka it will be good and we can hope for a turn around."●ENS ▶See P14

Wright on Ganguly's wrongs!

New Delhi, July 29: Sourav Ganguly may have lost his captaincy and a place in the Indian team after a bitter spat with current coach Greg Chappell but it now transpires that even the previous coach John Wright favoured his sacking.

Admitting a fall out with Ganguly towards the end of his stint with the Indian team, the former New Zealand skipper has said there were times when the Bengal batsman might have also wanted a change of coach. Wright has let out some sensational information in his new book 'Indian Summers'●PTI ▶See P14

World record

Colombo: Mahela Jayawardene smashed fourth highest score of 374 and shared a world record stand of 624 with Kumar Sangakkara as Sri Lanka battered South Africa in the first test here on Saturday

The batting feast at the Sinhalese Sports saw Sri Lanka pile up a mammoth 756-5 declared in reply to South Africa's modest 169 to gain a match-winning lead of 587 runs ▶See P14

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Helmet rule

Bangalore: The compulsory helmet rule is unlikely to come into effect from August 1 as the State Government is likely to postpone it by a month. After intense pressure, the Chief Minister has decided to postpone the deadline, government sources said on Saturday.
▶See City Express

LeT suspect

New Delhi: Oracle India Ltd on Saturday said in a statement that Muzzamil, arrested for alleged links with LeT, is not and has never been its employee

J&K sex racket

Srinagar: The CBI on Saturday chargesheeted seven persons including two former state ministers and a senior IAS officer for allegedly procuring girls for prostitution ▶See P7

Rains in Gujarat

Ahmedabad: About 2,000 families were evacuated from low-lying areas of Navsari and Bharuch districts in South Gujarat as heavy rains lashed the state

Bail plea shelved

Mumbai: Sessions court in Mumbai deferred till August 1, the bail plea of Pravin Mahajan, accused of killing Pramod Mahajan.

Three killed

Thanjavur: Three, including an official of the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation, were killed and four others injured when the car they were travelling rammed a tree on Saturday ▶See P6

Israel pulls back

Jerusalem: Israeli forces have pulled back from positions around Bint Jbeil, the Army said. ▶See P12

Pakistan's envoy

Islamabad: Zamir Akram, currently working with Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, is expected to be Pakistan's new High Commissioner to India

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Now, tight security at rly stations

Bankura (West Bengal), July 29: Close Circuit TVs would be installed and sniffer dogs would be deployed at all major railway stations and junctions, as a preventive measure against incidents such as the serial blasts in Mumbai, Railway Minister Lalu Prasad said on Saturday

Control rooms would also be opened in such stations and junctions. Prasad said after flagging off the Bankura-Hatia passenger train here.

Earlier, inaugurating the country's first Multi-Modal Transport System at NSC Bose International Airport in Kolkata, he said, "After the Mumbai blasts, we are now introducing strict security measures at stations. Only bonafide passengers will be allowed on the platforms. Seeing-off will have to take place outside."

Other security steps would include installation of metal detectors at all entry points to railway stations, he said.

Ruling out a hike in passenger fares, Lalu said revenue would be generated by carrying more freight.

During the current financial year, the Railways was targeting a surplus of Rs 23,500 crore against last year's Rs 13,500 crore, the Minister said.

The Railways was earning Rs 60 crore each day, he said.

The fares of superfast passenger trains would also be revised in the interest of the common people, he said.

Speaking in the presence of Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel in Kolkata, Lalu said just as airports were being modernised, his ministry would soon launch pilot projects to upgrade select junction stations.

"We are now competing with air traffic. So, we have reduced the fare for first class and air conditioned two-tier coaches. Air-conditioned 'garib raths' would be launched for the poor and the fares would be kept at Rs 600 only," he said • PTI

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Pak role in cross-border terror clear: Narayanan

New Delhi, July 29: Objecting to certain comments made by US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher after the Mumbai bomb blasts, India has said the evidence with it about Pakistan's role in cross-border terrorism was "stronger" than what Washington had after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan said Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashker-e-Toiba had international influence and it was important for the US to understand its "ramifications".

"Boucher did not talk to anyone of us. (But) he has made a statement," Narayanan told Karan Thapar's 'Devil's Advocate' programme on CNN-IBN when referred to the US official's remarks suggesting that India had no evidence to blame Pakistan for the Mumbai blasts.

"If he (Boucher) wished to have information, we are willing to talk to whoever is wanting to know the facts. He has not fallen into that category as of now," the NSA said.

Boucher had said that nobody has clinching evidence to pinpoint the perpetrators of the wave of deadly attacks in Mumbai. "The evidence...as far as who they were, who was responsible -- I don't think we've seen a lot yet.... I think we need to be led by the evidence before we start trying to draw conclusions and make policy pronouncements on it," the US official had said.

Narayanan said the government has proof of how terrorism is controlled from Pakistan and in this regard mentioned the arrest of two foreign nationals in the aftermath of Mumbai blasts. He said LeT was far greater threat than al-Qaeda due to its greater reach • PTI

BURNING FOR LOVED ONES

A police officer tries to douse the flames off Rajneesh Kumar, who tried to immolate himself in an act of protest in New Delhi on Saturday. Kumar has been sitting in protest since May 25, 2006, to appeal for help in the release of his wife and three children who were allegedly kidnapped in Etah, of Uttar Pradesh, where an average of at least seven people are kidnapped everyday, a television channel reported earlier this month. Kumar is out of danger and admitted in a city hospital—AP

Security for Sachin, Amitabh upped

Mumbai, July 29: Security for cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, superstar Amitabh Bachchan and other prominent personalities has been stepped up following intelligence reports that they could be targets of terrorists, police said here on Saturday.

Tendulkar, who was enjoying an 'X' category security, has now been provided one-step up 'Y' category security, they said. It means armed bodyguards will accompany Tendulkar where ever he goes, while his residence in Mumbai and other places where he visits in the country will be guarded by local police, they added.

Apart from Tendulkar, security of 'icons' staying in Mumbai, like superstars Bachchan, Shahrukh Khan, industrialist Mukesh Ambani, has also been stepped up, police said, but refused to divulge the nature of security provided to them.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Protection and Security), Mumbai, Surendra Kumar, said that security to Tendulkar and other personalities has been stepped up upon specific intelligence input.

"He (Tendulkar) is one of the iconic personalities and therefore his security arrangements have been further beefed up," Kumar said • PTI

Tough series ahead, says Rahul

Bangalore, July 29: Skipper Rahul Dravid today opined that the upcoming Triseries in Sri Lanka, South Africa is the third team, will be tough.

Talking to newsmen here, he said that "we have a tough series ahead with Sri Lanka doing well in the recent ODIs".

When asked whether India can bounce back after losing the ODI series 4-1 against West Indies in its recent tour Dravid said that "if we begin well in Sri Lanka it will be good and we can hope for a turn around." • ENS ▶See P14

Wright on Ganguly's wrongs!

New Delhi, July 29: Sourav Ganguly may have lost his captaincy and a place in the Indian team after a bitter spat with current coach Greg Chappell but it now transpires that even the previous coach John Wright favoured his sacking.

Admitting a fall out with Ganguly towards the end of his stint with the Indian team, the former New Zealand skipper has said there were times when the Bengal batsman might have also wanted a change of coach. Wright has let out some sensational information in his new book 'Indian Summers' • PTI ▶See P14

World record

Colombo: Mahela Jayawarden[illegible] fourth highest score of 374 and shared a world record stand of 624 with Kumar Sangakkara as Sri Lanka battered South Africa in the first test here on Saturday.

The batting feast at the Sinhalese Sports club saw Sri Lanka pile up a mammoth 756 [illegible]ed in reply to South Africa's modest 169 [illegible] a match-winning lead of 587 runs ▶See P14

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Family members of veteran Gandhian Kareem Khan, mourning during his last rituals in Bangalore on Saturday. –Express photo by Mohan Kumar B N.

Leaders mourn Gandhian Kareem Khan's demise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: Freedom fighter, Gandhian and folk artiste S K Kareem Khan passed away at a private hospital here on Saturday after a prolonged illness. He was 98 years old and a bachelor.

Khan, who was admitted to Mahaveer Jain Hospital on July 10 with multiple complaints, breathed his last at 11.50 am, according to Dr Azam, who was treating him. "Though the blood pressure was brought to normal, the infection to his lungs could not be cured," he added

He was attracted to Gandhian philosophy at a very early age and entered the freedom movement. He had written more than 80 plays for professional Kannada theatres of which Sri Krishna Leele, Humayun and Lila Majnu are very popular.

Khan was also a journalist. He had edited Lokamitra of Dharwad and Antaranga of Udupi. Khan had served in Royal Indian Navy for a brief period. He served as chairman of Kannada Janapada and Nataka Academy. Khan was awarded 'Janapada Sri', the highest folklore award in Karnataka, 'Jeeshampa' award besides Gulbarga and Hampi universities had conferred honorary doctorates on him.

CM CONDOLES: Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy condoled the death of freedom fighter and Gandhian S K Kareem Khan. Recalling the contributions of Kanim Khan to the film world as lyricist, Kumaraswamy in his condolence message said that his death was a great loss to folklore.

Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy president Keremane Shambhu Hegde and registrar M. Muniraju, in a condolence message, said Karim Khan's death was an irreparable loss.

Bangalore Mayor Mumtaz Begum and Deputy Mayor M. Lakshminarayana have also condoled his death.

GOVERNOR CONDOLES : Governor T N Chaturvedi and the Chairman of Kannada Development Authority Dr Siddalingaiah have condoled the death of Dr Karim Khan. In his condolence message the Governor said, Dr Khan had represented one of the last links of the folk art. Despite being the follower of Islam, he became famous as writer about Hindu Scripture with his catholicity of mind and heart.

Siddalingaiah in his message said that Khan's contribution to the folk art and Kannada language would be remembered forever.

Opening status of engineering seats on July 31 at 9 am
(Admission round-status after the completion of 36,000 engineering rank)

Courses	Concessional fee	Higher fee
Electronics	290	689
Computers	211	570
Mechanical	704	918
Electrical	317	447
Civil	358	269
Ind. prodn	135	75
Inst Tech	69	103
Ind. engg. mgm	42	31
Automobile	5	0
Chemical	52	57
Telecommunication	74	135
Med. elect	33	47
Textiles	25	25
Bio technology	47	79
Mining	7	18
Ceramics	7	8
Silk Tech	8	0
Const Tech	9	6
Bio medical	7	10
Environmental	32	18
Info Science	234	447
Polymer science	16	0
Manuf. Science	3	3
Total	2734	3955

The engineering rank holders from 36,001 to 42,000 will be allowed for selecting the available engineering and technology seats on July 31, as per the schedule notified in the 'CET 2006' brochure.

A life of simplicity, self-respect

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

OBITUARY

Bangalore, July 29: Dr. S.K. Kareem Khan, a freedom fighter with unflinching faith in Gandhian values, personified self-respect, simplicity, humility, self-respect and class. A bachelor, he gave more to society than he took from it.

Not many of the present generation would know much of him or his work. That way he faded into oblivion a little more than a decade ago. At the time, he had remarked once to his friends, lying on his bed in his hotel room on Bull Temple Road: "Instead of lying there (graveyard), I am lying here." That sounded more like his pulling on a life without any purpose than not being able to bear the pain of being sick.

Khan's life is not as widely known as his achievements. He hailed from Sakleshpur in Hassan district with parents hailing from Afghanistan and Persia. In his youth, he was deeply inspired by Gandhian values, which he practised till his last breath. He ran a Khadi Bhandar at Sakleshpur, participated in freedom movement and landed in jail seven times. The unforgettable moment of his life was being part of the hospitality team when Gandhiji visited Nandi Hills.

It was his immense knowledge of folk traditions of Karnataka, which he acquired from extensive research, which eventually brought him in close contact with film makers. They exploited him to the hilt but many cheated him. He wrote dialogues for many dramas and also story, screenplay and lyrics for the movie Swarna Gouri (1962).

The lyrics he penned for movies show how creative he was in his choice of words. He would take care to see his lyric harmonised with music.

He was deeply disturbed by the steep fall in the quality of Kannada lyrics since the late 1980s.

Dr Khan penned scores of Kannada devotional songs including many on Lord Manjunatha. He could do that with ease because of his scholarly knowledge of Sanskrit too. In fact, filmmaker G V Iyer had left his son with Khan to learn Sanskrit slokas.

In spite of his competence and love for cinema, Dr Khan could not earn his bread in Chennai in the 1960s and returned without much success.

He often related those bitter tales of his struggle in Chennai and the threats he faced from a Kannada hero, then based in Chennai. Cinema industry let him down in a big way.

He chaired Janapada Academy for some time. Interestingly, Khan never applied for any recognition or even freedom fighters pension. Whatever little pension he got was at the government's own initiative.

In 2003, he was honoured by the government for his life-time contribution to Kannada films.

CET results

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: The announcement of CET results for the admission of diploma holders to BE courses through lateral scheme have been postponed to July 31.

The results in Bangalore would be announced at the Directorate of Technical Education, while the students from other places across the State can get their results from their respective exam centres said a release.

Revised time table for the admission would be announced later, release added

MADURAI DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE No. 2 / 2006 - 2007 DATED 28-07-2006

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Southern Railway, Madurai Division, Madurai- 625016 for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed tenders from registered lease holders, for leasing of Front SLR/ Rear SLR of 4/8/12 tonnes on BG trains and 2 25/4 5/6 75 tonnes on MG trains on payment of lumpsum rate for loading of parcels and also for leasing one tonne space in the Assistant Guard Cabin of Front SLR exclusively for courier service by the following trains (Express/Superfast/Passenger in BG and MG system) The period of contract for item I (Sl. No.1 to Sl. No 56 trains) is Two years and for item II (6787 express) is Three years for leasing of FSLR/RSLR/AGC. Persons who have not so far registered can first apply for registration with Railways (Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager Office, Madurai) before submitting their tenders.

Item : I Period of contract Two Years

BG EXPRESS TRAINS

Sl. No	Train No.	From	To	Type of Service	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR		Leasing of AGC	
					No. of units of 4 Tonnes each	Reserve Price for 4 Tonnes for one year in Rs.	Space for lease in tonnes	Reserve Price for 1 tonne for One Year in Rs.
1	6731	Tuticonn	Mysore	Daily	3	10,23,460/-	1	2,55,865/-
2	2632	Tirunelveli	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	8,84,760/-	1	2,21,190/-
3	2635	Madurai	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	3,53,320/-	1	88,330/-
4	2636	Madurai	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	7,06,275/-	1	1,76,660/-
5	6101	Tenkasi	Chennai Egmore	Tri-weekly	3	1,91,568/-	1	47,892/-
6	2651	Tuticonn	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	8,84,760/-	1	2,21,190/-
7	6716	Madurai	Kurla	Weekly	3	2,83,088/-	1	70,772/-

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8	826	Tirunelveli	Erode	Daily	3	2,87,620/-	1	71,905/-
9	826-A	Tirunelveli	Mayiladudurai	Daily	3	3,22,660/-	1	80,665/-
10	783	Madurai	Tenkasi	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
11	784	Tenkasi	Madurai	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
12	785	Madurai	Tenkasi	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
13	786	Tenkasi	Madurai	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
14	702	Madurai	Villupuram	Daily	3	2,73,020/-	1	68,255/-
15	751	Madura	Manamadurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
16	752	Manamadurai	Madurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
17	753	Madurai	Manamadurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
18	754	Manamadurai	Madurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
19	727	Madurai	Quilon	Daily	2	2,87,620/-	1	71,905/-
20	724	Tirunelveli	Tuticorin	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
21	723	Tuticonn	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
22	725	Tuticonn	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
23	726	Tirunelveli	Tuticonn	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-

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24	6702	Manamadurai	Tambaram	Daily	3	4,03,325/-	1	1,79,215/-
25	6716	Madurai	Podanur	Daily	3	2,39,805/-	1	1,06,580/-
26	6708	Madurai	Podanur	6 days in a week	3	2,39,805/-	1	1,06,580/-
27	6703	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	2,06,955/-	1	91,980/-

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28	745	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	1,03,660/-	1 *	45,990/-
29	[illegible]	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	1,03,660/-	1	45,990/-
30	[illegible]	Sengottai	Quilon	Daily	3	74,095/-	1	32,850/-
31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily	3	74,095/-	1	32,850/-
32	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily	3	70,080/-	1	31,025/-
33	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	70,080/-	1	31,025/-
34	712	Madurai	Dindigul	6 days in a week	3	52,850/-	1	23,475/-
35	711	Dindigul	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	52,850/-	1	23,475/-
36	764	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
37	776	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
38	768	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
39	778	Madurai	Podanur	Daily	3	1,20,085/-	1	53,280/-
40	762	Pollachi	Palagat	Daily	3	58,400/-	1	25,915/-
41	766	Pollachi	Palagat	Daily	3	58,400/-	1	25,915/-
42	772	Dindigul	Podanur	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	42,705/-
43	713	Madurai	Bodinayakanur	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
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45	714	Bodinayakanur	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
46	720	Bodinayakanur	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	60,096/-	1	31,025/-
47	739	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
48	737	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
49	735	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
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52	736	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
53	738	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
54	740	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
55	856	Virudunagar	Manamadurai	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
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EMD amount for all trains (4 tonnes in BG and 2.25 tonnes in MG for FSLR/RSLR) Rs 25,000/- and cost of tender form for FSLR/RSLR . Rs 250/-

EMD amount for AGC (one tonne-BG and MG trains) Rs.5,000/- and cost of tender form. Rs 100/-

SPACE FOR LEASE

One unit in BG train is equal to 4 tonnes capacity in FSLR/RSLR
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One unit in BG&MG for leasing of AGC is one tonne capacity space in Guard Cabin in FSLR

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Two held in fake stamp paper racket

Bangalore, July 29: In its second judgment in the fake stamp paper cases in Karnataka, the special court, on Saturday convicted two men holding for possessing and selling fake stamp papers. The special court Judge Virupax V Angadi pronounced the sentences to the convicts.

The convicts are, A Kannan and Jairaj. The court sentenced Kannan with 5 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 40,000 while, Jairaj was sentenced to 7 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 40,000. The CCB had arrested Kannan at the Taluk office premises with 10 fake stamp papers with the face value of Rs 5,000. Later, the CCB police recovered 35 more fake stamp papers of the face value of Rs 5,000 in his house. On his information, the CCB police nabbed Jairaj, a resident of Tamil Nadu, at a hotel in Madurai.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C)

Family members of veteran Gandhian Kareem Khan, mourning during his last rituals in Bangalore on Saturday.—Express photo by Mohan Kumar B N

Leaders mourn Gandhian Kareem Khan's demise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: Freedom fighter, Gandhian and folk artiste S K Kareem Khan passed away at a private hospital here on Saturday after a prolonged illness. He was 98 years old and a bachelor.

Khan, who was admitted to Mahaveer Jain Hospital on July 10 with multiple complaints, breathed his last at 11.50 am, according to Dr Azam, who was treating him. "Though the blood pressure was brought to normal, the infection to his lungs could not be cured," he added.

He was attracted to Gandhian philosophy at a very early age and entered the freedom movement. He had written more than 80 plays for professional Kannada theatres of which Sri Krishna Leele, Humayun and Lila Majnu are very popular. Khan was also a journalist. He had edited Lokamitra of Dharwad and Antaranga of Udupi. Khan had served in Royal Indian Navy for a brief period. He served as chairman of Kannada Janapada and Nataka Academy. Khan was awarded 'Janapada Sri', the highest folklore award in Karnataka, 'Jeeshampa' award besides Gulbarga and Hampi universities had conferred honorary doctorates on him.

CM CONDOLES: Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy condoled the death of freedom fighter and Gandhian S K Kareem Khan. Recalling the contributions of Karim Khan to the film world as lyricist, Kumaraswamy in his condolence message said that his death was a great loss to folklore.

Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy president Keremane Shambhu Hegde and registrar M Muniraju, in a condolence message, said Karim Khan's death was an irreparable loss.

Bangalore Mayor Mumtaz Begum and Deputy Mayor M. Lakshminarayana have also condoled his death.

GOVERNOR CONDOLES : Governor T N Chaturvedi and the Chairman of Kannada Development Authority Dr Siddalingaiah have condoled the death of Dr Karim Khan. In his condolence message the Governor said, Dr Khan had represented one of the last links of the folk art. Despite being the follower of Islam, he became famous as writer about Hindu Scripture with his catholicity of mind and heart.

Siddalingaiah in his message said that Khan's contribution to the folk art and Kannada language would be remembered forever.

Opening status of engineering seats on July 31 at 9 am

(Admission round-status after the completion of 36,000 engineering rank)

Courses	Concessional fee	Higher fee
Electronics	290	689
Computers	211	520
Mechanical	704	918
Electrical	317	447
Civil	358	269
Ind. prodn	135	75
Inst Tech	69	103
Ind. engg. mgm	42	31
Automobile	5	0
Chemical	52	57
Telecommunication	74	135
Med. elect	33	47
Textiles	25	25
Bio technology	47	79
Mining	7	18
Ceramics	7	8
Silk Tech	8	0
Const Tech	9	6
Bio medical	7	10
Environmental	32	18
Info Science	234	447
Polymer science	16	0
Manuf. Science	3	3
Total	2734	3955

The engineering rank holders from 36,001 to 42,000 will be allowed for selecting the available engineering and technology seats on July 31, as per the schedule notified in the 'CET 2006' brochure

A life of simplicity, self-respect

OBITUARY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: Dr. S.K. Kareem Khan, a freedom fighter of unflinching faith in Gandhian values, personified knowledge, simplicity, humility, self-respect and class. A bachelor, he gave more to society than he took from it.

Not many of the present generation would know much of him or his work. That way he faded into oblivion a little more than a decade ago. At the time, he had remarked once to his friends, lying on his bed in his hotel room on Bull Temple Road: "Instead of lying there (graveyard), I am lying here." That sounded more like his pulling on a life without any purpose than not being able to bear the pain of being sick.

Khan's life is not as widely known as his achievements. He hailed from Sakleshpur in Hassan district with parents hailing from Afghanistan and Persia. In his youth, he was deeply inspired by Gandhian values, which he practised till his last breath. He ran a Khadi Bhandar at Sakleshpur, participated in freedom movement and landed in jail seven times. The unforgettable moment of his life was being part of the hospitality team when Gandhiji visited Nandi Hills.

It was his immense knowledge of folk traditions of Karnataka, which he acquired from extensive research, which eventually brought him in close contact with film makers. They exploited him to the hilt, but many cheated him. He wrote dialogues for many dramas and also story, screenplay and lyrics for the movie Swarna Gouri (1962).

The lyrics he penned for movies show how creative he was in his choice of words. He would take care to see his lyric harmonised with music.

He was deeply disturbed by the steep fall in the quality of Kannada lyrics since the late 1980s.

Dr Khan penned scores of Kannada devotional songs including many on Lord Manjunatha. It could do that with ease because of his scholarly knowledge of Sanskrit too. In fact, filmmaker G V Iyer had left his son with Khan to learn Sanskrit slokas.

In spite of his competence and love for cinema, Dr Khan could not earn his bread in Chennai in the 1960s and returned without much success.

He often related those bitter tales of his struggle in Chennai and the threats he faced from a Kannada hero, then based in Chennai, Cinema industry let him down in a big way.

He chaired Janapada Academy for some time. Interestingly, Khan never applied for any recognition or even freedom fighters pension. Whatever little pension he got was at the government's own initiative.

In 2003, he was honoured by the government for his life-time contribution to Kannada films.

CET results

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, July 29: The announcement of CET results for the admission of diploma holders to BE courses through lateral scheme have been postponed to July 31.

The results in Bangalore would be announced at the Directorate of Technical Education, while the students from other places across the State can get their results from their respective exam centres, said a release.

Revised time table for the admission would be announced later, release added.

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SURGE AHEAD WITH THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MADURAI DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE No. 2 / 2006 - 2007 DATED 28-07-2006

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Southern Railway, Madurai Division, Madurai-625016 for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed tenders from registered lease holders, for leasing of Front SLR/ Rear SLR of 4/8/12 tonnes on BG trains and 2 25/4 5/6 75 tonnes on MG trains on payment of lumpsum rate for loading of parcels and also for leasing one tonne space in the Assistant Guard Cabin of Front SLR exclusively for courier service by the following trains (Express/Superfast/Passenger in BG and MG system). The period of contract for item I (Sl. No. 1 to Sl. No.56 trains) is Two years and for item II (6787 express) is Three years for leasing of FSLR/RSLR/AGC. Persons who have not so far registered can first apply for registration with Railways (Sr Divisional Commercial Manager Office, Madurai) before submitting their tenders.

Item : I Period of contract Two Years

BG EXPRESS TRAINS

Sl No	Train No.	From	To	Type of Service	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: No. of units of 4 Tonnes each	Leasing of FSLR/RSLR: Reserve Price for 4Tonnes for one year in Rs	Leasing of AGC: Space for lease in tonnes	Leasing of AGC: Reserve Price for 1 tonne for One Year in Rs
1	6731	Tuticonn	Mysore	Daily	3	10,23,460/-	1	2,55,655/-
2	2633	Tirunelveli	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	8,84,760/-	1	2,21,190/-
3	2635	Madura	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	3,53,320/-	1	88,330/-
4	2636	Madurai	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	7,06,275/-	1	1,76,660/-
5	2637	Tenkasi	Chennai Egmore	Tri-weekly	3	1,91,568/-	1	47,892/-
6	2694	Tuticonn	Chennai Egmore	Daily	3	8,84,760/-	1	2,21,190/-
7	1044	Madura	Kurla	Weekly	3	2,83,080/-	1	70,772/-

BG PASSENGER TRAINS

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8	8206	Tirunelveli	Erode	Daily	3	2,87,620/-	1	71,905/-
9	5705	Tirunelveli	Mayiladudurai	Daily	3	3,22,660/-	1	80,665/-
10	7853	Madurai	Tenkasi	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
11	7854	Tenkasi	Madurai	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
12	7855	Madurai	Tenkasi	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
13	7856	Tenkasi	Madurai	Daily	3	1,76,660/-	1	44,165/-
14	7707	Madurai	Villupuram	Daily	3	2,73,020/-	1	68,255/-
15	7708	Madurai	Manamadurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
16	7707	Manamadurai	Madurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
17	7708	Manamadurai	Madurai	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
18	7853	Madurai	Quilon	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	24,090/-
19	7854	Madurai	Quilon	Daily	2	2,87,620/-	1	71,905/-
20	7855	Tirunelveli	Tuticonn	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
21	7856	Tuticonn	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
22	7857	Tuticonn	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-
23	7858	Tirunelveli	Tuticonn	Daily	3	1,09,500/-	1	27,375/-

M G EXPRESS TRAINS

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24	7853	Virudunagar	Tambaram	Daily	3	4,03,325/-	1	1,79,215/-
25	7854	Madura	Podanur	Daily	3	2,39,805/-	1	1,06,580/-
26	6768	Madurai	Podanur	6 days in a week	3	2,39,805/-	1	1,06,580/-
27	6767	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	2,06,955/-	1	91,980/-

MG PASSENGER TRAINS

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28	7857	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	1,03,660/-	1	45,990/-
29	7858	Tirunelveli	Quilon	Daily	3	1,03,660/-	1	45,990/-
30	7859	Tuticorin	Quilon	Daily	3	74,695/-	1	32,850/-
31	7860	Sengottai	Quilon	Daily	3	74,695/-	1	32,850/-
32	7861	Tirunelveli	Sengottai	Daily	3	70,080/-	1	31,025/-
33	7862	Sengottai	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	70,080/-	1	31,025/-
34	712	Madurai	Dindigul	6 days in a week	3	52,870/-	1	23,170/-
35	711	Dindigul	Madura	6 days in a week	3	52,870/-	1	23,170/-
36	764	Madura	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
37	776	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
38	766	Madurai	Palagat	Daily	3	1,26,655/-	1	56,210/-
39	775	Madurai	Podanur	Daily	3	1,20,085/-	1	53,290/-
40	767	Pollach	Palagat	Daily	3	58,500/-	1	25,915/-
41	765	Pollach	Palagat	Daily	3	58,500/-	1	25,915/-
42	772	Dindgul	Podanur	Daily	3	96,360/-	1	42,705/-
43	713	Madura	Bodinayakanur	6 days in a week	3	60,085/-	1	26,625/-
44	719	Madura	Bodinayakanur	6 days in a week	3	60,085/-	1	26,625/-
45	714	Bodinayakanur	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	60,085/-	1	26,625/-
46	720	Bodinayakanur	Madurai	6 days in a week	3	60,085/-	1	26,625/-
47	739	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
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49	735	Tirunelveli	Tiruchendur	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
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53	738	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
54	740	Tiruchendur	Tirunelveli	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
55	856	Virudunagar	Manamadurai	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-
56	855	Manamadurai	Virudunagar	Daily	3	61,685/-	1	27,375/-

Item : II Period of contract Three Years.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C)

CJ, minister review govt action on HC proposals

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: In a bid to improve services in the lower judiciary, Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court Cyriac Joseph on Saturday held a discussion with Home and Law Minister M P Prakash to review the action taken by the government on proposals sent by the High Court.

Prakash told reporters he had appraised the Chief Justice on the action taken by the government on 74 pending proposals.

He said the Chief Justice was satisfied with the action taken by the government.

He also said he would hold a meeting with the chief minister and the higher officials on August 16-17 to take a final decision on some of the pending proposals.

OoP Bill: On the return of OoP Bill by Governor T N Chaturvedi, he said the government will take a decision depending upon the outcome of the discussions in Parliament over a similar Bill returned by the President.

Gee gee songs, Halakki tribes were his first love

From P 1

He was drawn into the freedom movement during the visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the Nandi Hills in 1936 (along with H Narasimhaiah). He had been imprisoned by the British for over five times.

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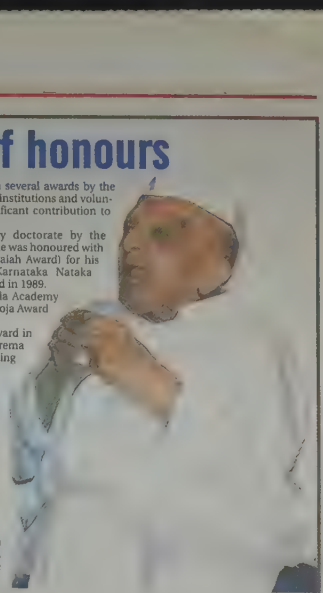

Governor, CM condole death

Governor T N Chaturvedi has condoled the death of veteran freedom fighter and Gandhian, S K Karim Khan

In his message, Chaturvedi said Khan represented one of the last links of folk art today. "Though a follower of Islam, he became famous as a writer on Hindu scriptures with his catholicity of mind and heart Many of his poems made a deep impact on people.'

Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy recalled his contributions to the Kannada film industry as lyricist and said his death was a great loss to folklore

He will never enter the 'house' now

He was handed over the 'keys' to his house, albeit symbolically.

For a man who always believed in giving back his earnings to society and which reflected in his spartan lifestyle, the one dream Karim Khan had - to have a house of his own - will never be fulfilled. Till his death, he stayed in a small room at Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road. It is truly a reflection of the government's apathy.

At a grand function, the government had symbolically handed him keys of a house. However, reality never matched the symbolism.

A firm believer in the maxim that respect should come from within and never be imposed, he never bothered to pressurise the government to fulfill the promise.

REACTIONS

DR MATHOOR KRISHNAMURTHY, *Executive Director, Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan:* The death of folk expert S K Karim Khan is a great loss to the world of folk arts and Karnataka. The doyen of folksongs is no more with us today. It was interesting to listen to his folk songs. During my young days, I have listened to a lot of film song sung by him Nobody could have ever offered such quality lyrics, which is dead and gone with him.

CHAKKERE SHIVASHANKER, *Secretary, Karnataka Janapada Parishat:* Karim Khan was an eminent folk expert, who had always been in forefront to encourage and promote folk art. How can one forget his contribution to the development of folk art during the pre-independence days During those time, he struggled a lot to collect and promote the rich folk art including folk songs and folklore. His death has created a void in the world of our rich folk art. In his memory a programme will be organised shortly at the Janapada Loka.

CHINNAPPA GOWDA, *member, Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy:* Karim Khan's name shines like a star in the history of folk art in our State. He laid the foundation for a disciplined research with regard to folk art He was an excellent researcher and collector of all forms of folk arts. As the president of Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy his contnbutions are unforgettable. Despite financial crunch, he contnbuted for the development and promotion of folk art. He is an example to young researchers.

G NARAYAN, *Chairman, Karnataka Janapada Panshat* Kanm Khan showed special interest in folk songs since his childhood. He had developed the hobby of collecting folk songs across the state. He had published nine volumes of folk songs, which serves as a treasure He was a true Gandhian and earned a name in the field of cinema too As he had penned a number of lyrics, folk exponents had great love towards him. His rich collection of folk songs is not an ordinary work

K S ASHWATH, *a veteran Kannada actor* I cannot believe that the lyricist of the famous song 'Nalawara Gangadhara' in the movie Swamagowri is no more today I still remember that I was enacting the role of Narada for this song, where Karim Khan was also present. I was feeling nervous during the shoot for the fear of losing some words in the song However, folk stalwart Karim Khan came to my rescue by instilling confidence Being a muslim, his lyncs in Kannada were excellent, he added

K GURU RAO, *Senior theatre person and supporting actor:* Kanm Khan was one of the best known lyncists of our times (1950-1975). His lyncs were simple and effective unlike the present day songs which have vulgar and double meaning He had touched hearts of many audience through his lyncs He chenshed the Gandhian philosophy till his last breath Once, he moved away from cinema and embraced the world of folk art. He visited schools and tought folk art and folk songs to children and enjoyed listening to his songs sung by students. *(with inputs from Usha Prasad and Sudarshan Bharatiya)*

Mayo Hall revamp work on

VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: The Advocates' Association of Bangalore on Saturday said the work on the construction of an additional building on the Magistrate's Courts premises and the renovation work at the Mayo Hall court complex was under progress.

Association president D L Jagadeesh told reporters here the State government had granted Rs 1 crore for taking up the Mayo Hall renovation work. He said work on the multi-storeyed car park, Sulabh Shouchalaya and a hydraulic lift at the Sessions Court complex, all costing Rs 20 crore, was nearing completion.

Speak Out

Interviews by Rakshita Adyanthaya and Surabhi Shastry

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G Shivakumar, Businessman

The police has only recognised the good job done by the officers. It's good to know that they have been rewarded for ...

Geetha A S, ...

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Only those policemen who were part of Operation Cocoon have been rewarded What about those who sacrificed their lives in trying to nab Veerappan

Swathi M S, ...

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DOES KARNATAKA STF DESERVE THE CASH REWARD FOR HAVING NABBED VEERAPPAN?

The officers have just done their duty Why should the govt reward them with such a huge amount when it could have been used for a better cause?

Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan

The brigand was a threat to the nation itself and the reward is surely justifiable

Prithesh M Krishnan, Student

They certainly deserve the reward for the kind of effort they have made in putting an end to the terror

Madhusachan S, ...

Autonomy not just for '5-star' colleges

Bangalore: The Bangalore University (BU) has eased the guidelines for colleges seeking autonomy.

Now, colleges ranked B+ or above by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) can apply for autonomy. Hitherto, only those colleges with a five-star grading were permitted. The decision to amend statutes was taken as there were hardly a few colleges with such a high rating, BU sources said, adding more than 10 colleges have applied for autonomy.

The university has sent the amendment proposal to the government.

From the current academic year, BU will offer new courses. MSc in Molecular Biology, MSc in Life Sciences and PG Diploma in Electronic Media. The decision was taken during the BU Syndicate meeting on Saturday.

Applications for these courses can be obtained from designated banks.

No new syllabus

No more 'no entry zone' for Arts students. They can now seek admission to Bachelor of Computer Applications and Master of Computer Applications courses.

The BU decision comes in the wake of its circular to affiliated colleges on July 22 directing them to admit only students from Science and Commerce streams with Mathematics as a compulsory paper for BCA and MCA. VTN

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While this being the position recently some miscreants have tried to forcibly enter the schedule property by trespass and the said miscreants in collusion with some local persons are claiming some kind of right over the property and they are misleading the public by misrepresentation and fraud that the entire extent of land of approximately 350 Acres plus kharab is available for sale by supressing the truth of the pendency of the suit filed by clients in respect of the schedule property It is reliably understood that the contesting owners in the suit filed by my clients are encouraging these miscreants

Public are hereby warned that the matter relating to the schedule property is subjudice and the doctrine of lispendens would apply any person or persons dealing with the schedule property for sale or otherwise by trying to over reach and by pass the pending suit filed by my clients i.e., O.S 352/1998 on the file of the Second Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) Bangalore Rural District shall be doing so at their own peril, cost, consequence and also they will be guilty of offences for contempt of Court and also punishable under Indian Penal Code besides civil consequences

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V. Roja, Advocate, 18/1, 2nd Floor, V.G Gopal Buildings ...albagh Fort Road, Bl'ore-04

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VIJAY TIMES NEWS

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Prakash told reporters he had appraised the Chief Justice on the action taken by the government on 74 pending proposals.

He said the Chief Justice was satisfied with the action taken by the government.

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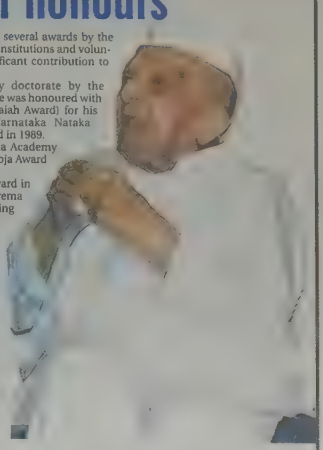

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While this being the position recently some miscreants have tried to forcibly enter the schedule property by trespass and the said miscreants in collusion with some local persons are claiming some kind of right over the property and they are misleading the public by misrepresentation and fraud that the entire extent of and of approximately 350 Acres plus kharab is available for sale by supressing the truth of the pendency of the suit filed by clients in respect of the schedule property It is reliably understood that the contesting owners in the suit filed by my clients are encouraging these miscreants

Public are hereby warned that the matter relating to the schedule property is subjudice and any transaction would apply any person or persons dealing with the schedule property for sale or otherwise by trying to over reach and by pass the pending suit filed by my clients i.e., O.S 352/1998 on the file of the Second Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) Bangalore Rural District shall be doing so at their own peril cost, consequence and also they will be guilty of offences for contempt of Court and also punishable under Indian Penal Code besides civil consequences

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land measuring an extent of 250 Acres comprised in Sy No. 15/3A and 18/2 and earmarked as per the survey conducted by the Plaintiffs and their nominees and situated at Manavarthakawal Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District bounded on the East by Sy No. 18/1 West by Thathaguni Estate and Government Silk Farm South by Government Tank and boundry of B.M Kawal and Vaderahalli Villages North by Sy. No 18 and 21 and Vajramuneshwara Temple, with approach ... from Bangalore-Kanakapura Road through Vajramuneshwara Temple from the 17th K.M Stone approach road lying between Government Silk Farm and Ronch Estate near the 18th K.M Stone and also from Vaderahalli towards the southern portion of the land

Sd/- ***B Srinivas,***
Advocate No 83 39 'B' Cross 11th Main 4th T Block
Jayanagar Bangalore - 560 041

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from its present owner Sri GOVAPPA S/o. Sri GOPI GOVAPPA residing at House No 351 Vidyananda, 4th Main Road Sadashivanagar, Bangalore. Sri Gopi Govappa represents that apart from himself there are no other person/s having any right, title or claim over the Schedule Property and that he has not mortgaged or encumbered the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner and that he has not entered into any Agreement of Sale / Development Agreement etc., with any other person/s if any person/s having any objection/s or claims over the Schedule Property may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client will proceed with the completion of the sale transaction

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land measuring about 1 Acre 2 Guntas in Sy No 84/3 of Bandikodigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the East by Land of Muthurayappa, North by Land of Banappa, South by Land of Banaram

Sd/ **B.S. UMESH.** Advocate
No 111, M T Street (1st Cross)
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Ph 22254245, Mobile 9448296369

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from its present owner Mr M Srinivas s/o Sri Muniramaiah residing at Doddabommasandra village Vidhyaranyapura Post Bangalore - 97 Sri M Srinivas represents that apart from himself there are no other person/s having any rights, title or claim over the Schedule Property and that he has not mortgaged or encumbered the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner and that he has not entered into any Agreement of sale/development agreement etc with any other person/s If any person/s having any objections or claims over the Schedule property may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned failing which my client will proceed with the completion of the sale transaction

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of dry agricultural land measuring about 3 Acre 39 Guntas in Sy No 28/1 of Bandikodigenahalli village Jala Hobli Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the East by Land of B J Shivaramma sold to Srinivas West by Land of Chikkanna Part of the same survey number North by Land of Sulthan Palya Papanna South by Land of Krishnappa S/o Boyilahalli Venkatarayappa

Item No 2 Al that piece and parcel of dry agricultural land measuring about 4 Acre 39 Guntas in Sy No 28 Bandikodigenahalli Village Jala Hobli Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the East by Bandikodigenahalli Boundry lands West by Land belongs to Gopalappa in the same survey number sold to M Srinivas North by Land of Sulthan Palya Papanna South by Land of Krishnappa S/o Boyilahalli Venkatarayappa

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He will never enter the 'house' now

He was handed over the 'keys' to his house, albeit symbolically.

For a man who always believed in giving back his earnings to society and which reflected in his spartan lifestyle, the one dream Karim Khan had - to have a house of his own - will never be fulfilled. Till his death, he stayed in a small room at Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road. It is truly a reflection of the government's apathy.

At a grand function, the government had symbolically handed him keys of a house. However, reality never matched the symbolism.

A firm believer in the maxim that respect should come from within and never be imposed, he never bothered to pressurise the government to fulfill the promise.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from its present owner Mr. **Y.G. ASHWATH S/o. Sri M. GOVINDAPPA** residing at 2nd Main Road, Yelahanka Gangthanpet, Bangalore - 560 064. Sri Y.G. Ashwath represents that apart from himself there are no other persons having any right, title or claim over the Schedule Property and that he has not mortgaged or encumbered the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner and that he has not entered into any Agreement of Sale / Development Agreement etc., with any other person/s If any person/s having any objection/s or claims over the Schedule Property may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned failing which my client will proceed with the completion of the sale transaction

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of dry agricultural land measuring about 3 **Acre 9 Guntas** in Sy No 17 of Bandikodigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the East by Land of Bovi Moogappa, West by Land of Dongara Channet, North by Land of Chandurayanna Shetty of the same survey number, South by Land of Kodappa

Sd/- **B.S. UMESH,** Advocate,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client had entered into an agreement of sale to purchase the schedule property with the present owners Smt Rajalakshmi Prabhakar and Miss Amba Prabhakar

Any person or persons having any rights, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or in the documents thereof or against the owner or any acquisition notices from any govt bodies claiming the schedule property may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned failing which my client will proceed with the completion of the sale transaction as per the agreement of sale

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing No 13 & 14 carved out of Sy No 127 Old Katha No 12/62/1 and presently having new Municipal No 14, Ward No 84 Katha No P.I084-40-14 situated at Chokalappa Block at Chicka Banavadi, K.R. Puram Hobli, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, Now it is in Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the Jurisdiction of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East West (48 - 50) ft / 2 and North to South (71 - 80) ft / 2 in all measuring 3699 5 sq ft and bounded on, East by Private property, West by 25 ft road, North by House No. 12, South by House No 14/1, belongs to M Surendra Babu.

M. Raju, Advocate, 18/1, 2nd Floor, V.G Gopal Buildings, Lalbagh Fort Road, B'lore-04

REACTIONS

DR MATHOOR KRISHNAMURTHY, *Executive Director, Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan:* The death of folk expert S K Karim Khan is a great loss to the world of folk arts and Karnataka. The doyen of folksongs is no more with us today. It was interesting to listen to his folk songs. During my young days, I have listened to a lot of film song sung by him. Nobody could have ever offered such quality lyrics, which is dead and gone with him.

CHAKKERE SHIVASHANKER, *Secretary, Karnataka Janapada Parishat:* Karim Khan was an eminent folk expert, who had always been in forefront to encourage and promote folk art. How can one forget his contribution to the development of folk art during the pre-independence days. During those time, he struggled a lot to collect and promote the rich folk art including folk songs and folklore. His death has created a void in the world of our rich folk art. In his memory a programme will be organised shortly at the Janapada Loka

CHINNAPPA GOWDA, *member, Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy:* Karim Khan's name shines like a star in the history of folk art in our State. He laid the foundation for a disciplined research with regard to folk art. He was an excellent researcher and collector of all forms of folk arts. As the president of Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy his contributions are unforgettable. Despite financial crunch, he contributed for the development and promotion of folk art. He is an example to young researchers.

Governor, CM condole death

Governor T N Chaturvedi has condoled the death of veteran freedom fighter and Gandhian, S K Karim Khan.

In his message, Chaturvedi said Khan represented one of the last links of folk art today. "Though a follower of Islam, he became famous as a writer on Hindu scriptures with his catholicity of mind and heart. Many of his poems made a deep impact on people.

Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy recalled his contributions to the Kannada film industry as lyricist and said his death was a great loss to folklore.

G NARAYAN, *Chairman, Karnataka Janapada Parishat:* Karim Khan showed special interest in folk songs since his childhood. He had developed the hobby of collecting folk songs across the state. He had published nine volumes of folk songs, which serves as a treasure. He was a true Gandhian and earned a name in the field of cinema too. As he had penned a number of lyrics, folk exponents had great love towards him. His rich collection of folk songs is not an ordinary work.

K S ASHWATH, *a veteran Kannada actor:* I cannot believe that the lyricist of the famous song 'Natawara Gangadhara' in the movie Swamagowri is no more today. I still remember that I was enacting the role of Narada for this song, where Karim Khan was also present. I was feeling nervous during the shoot for the fear of losing some words in the song. However, folk stalwart Karim Khan came to my rescue by instilling confidence. Being a muslim, his lyrics in Kannada were excellent, he added.

K GURU RAO, *Senior theatre person and supporting actor:* Karim Khan was one of the best known lyricists of our times (1950-1975). His lyrics were simple and effective unlike the present day songs which have vulgar and double meaning. He had touched hearts of many audience through his lyrics. He chenshed the Gandhian philosophy till his last breath. Once, he moved away from cinema and embraced the world of folk art. He visited schools and tought folk art and folk songs to children and enjoyed listening to his songs sung by students *(with Inputs from Usha Prasad and Sudarshan Bharatiya)*

Mayo Hall revamp work on

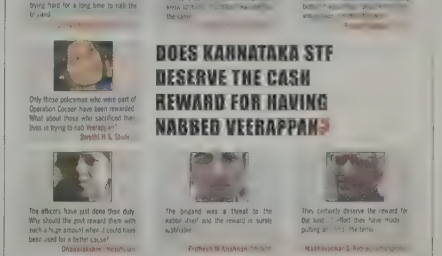
VIJAY TIMES NEWS

Bangalore: The Advocates' Association of Bangalore on Saturday said the work on the construction of an additional building on the Magistrate's Courts premises and the renovation work at the Mayo Hall court complex was under progress.

Association president D L Jagadeesh told reporters here the State government had granted Rs 1 crore for taking up the Mayo Hall renovation work. He said work on the multi-storeyed car park, Sulabh Shouchalaya and a hydraulic lift at the Sessions Court complex, all costing Rs 20 crore, was nearing completion.

Speak Out

Interviews by Rakshita Adyanthaya and Surabhi Shastry



Only three policemen who were part of Operation Cocoon have been rewarded. What about those who sacrificed their lives in trying to nab Veerappan?
Suresh H S, Shade

DOES KARNATAKA STF DESERVE THE CASH REWARD FOR HAVING NABBED VEERAPPAN?

The officers have just done their duty. Why should the govt reward them with such a huge amount when it could have been used for other causes?
Dhananjaya Nandihalli

The bogand was a threat to the entire state and the reward is surely justifiable
Prithesh M Krishnappa

They certainly deserve the reward for the kind of effort they have made putting an end to the terror.
Madhusoodan S Acharya, Bangalore

Autonomy not just for '5-star' colleges

Bangalore: The Bangalore University (BU) has eased the guidelines for colleges seeking autonomy.

Now, colleges ranked B+ or above by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) can apply for autonomy. Hitherto, only those colleges with a five-star grading were permitted. The decision to amend statutes was taken as there were hardly a few colleges with such a high rating, BU sources said, adding more than 10 colleges have applied for autonomy.

The university has sent the amendment proposal to the government.

From the current academic year, BU will offer new courses. MSc in Molecular Biology, MSc in Life Sciences and PG Diploma in Electronic Media. The decision was taken during the BU Syndicate meeting on Saturday.

Applications for these courses can be obtained from designated banks.

No new syllabus

No more 'no entry zone' for Arts students. They can now seek admission to Bachelor of Computer Applications and Master of Computer Applications courses.

The BU decision comes in the wake of its circular to affiliated colleges on July 22 directing them to admit only students from Science and Commerce streams with Mathematics as a compulsory paper for BCA and MCA. VTN

TIMES OBITUARIES

DEATH | DEATH ANNIVERSARY

OBITUARY

Dr. G.N. Subbanna
(IISc MRL Dept)
Expired on 16-7-2003 at 3.00 am Sorrowing wife Usha, Daughters Ramya & Sowmya

B.M NORONHA (BLAISE) 60 yrs
Ex-syndicate Bank
[illegible] Rosita, Rohit passed away on [illegible] 17.07.2003 at 3.30 p.m [illegible] Cemetery. Ph: 6717558 / 98455-96155

2nd Death Anniversary

DR. N. KARUNAKARA SHETTY
"Though You have left this world you are eternal in our hearts"
Fondly Remembered by Smt. Latha K. Shetty Parthesh Shetty Ashutosh Shetty All Consultants Doctors & Shushrusha Nursing Home Yelahanka, Bangalore-64

Smt. Usha (Jayanthi) Sudhindra

In Everlasting Memory

Mr Kumares Datta
Born: 20th January, 1944 - Died: 14th July, 2003
Mr Kumares Datta, Managing Director of Mmsd O.S.K Lines Maritime (India) Pvt. Ltd (MOLMI) left for his heavenly abode on 14th July 2003. He is survived by his mother, wife, two sons, family and friends.
May his soul rest in eternal peace.
[illegible] be performed on 24th [illegible] 2003 [illegible] Bombay.
[illegible] be held on 25th July, 2003 [illegible] will be confirmed from MOLMI office [illegible] Email - molmi@molmi.com

Film strike over, but problem remains

By Utthara Kumari B
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: It has become an annual feature for the producer-distributor and exhibitor to go on strike. Their fights are as seasonal as the seasons. Perhaps not — we may miss the monsoon even, but not these squabbles.

On Wednesday, however, the warring parties agreed to call off their agitation as it was decided at a meeting with the governmnet that a committee would look into the service tax issue.

While the bone of contention all these years used to be theatre rentals, this year it was over the service tax, which the exhibitors claim is rightly their due. Result: the film industry had come to a stand-still. And the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce instead of solving the issue, had been actually responsible for the impasse. It was the chamber president who suggested that the producer-distributor and exhibitor share the service charges. This only made the situation worse.

Producers, on the other hand, had gone one step ahead and demanded that the government abolish this tax.

The economic rationale behind the ticket money is quite mind-boggling. While some producers go for an outright sale of their films and make a tidy sum, others use exhibitors or distributors to distribute their films. The producer books a distributor on a commission and asks him to distribute the film, promising to bear the theatre rent. In this case, the producer stands to lose if the rent is high.

Information minister Allum Veerabhadrappa with Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce president S. Ramesh and Kannada Film Producers' Association president Basant Kumar Patil at a meeting in Bangalore on Wednesday over the service tax controversy. Raghavendra Rajkumar, Parvathamma Rajkumar and MLC Mukhyamantri Chandru look on.

The exhibitor, on the other hand, pockets the rent plus the service charges — charges for the service he is supposed to give the cinegoers like unbroken chairs, clean toilets, working fans and AC, good screening facilities and sound system. The availability and quality of these services needs no elaboration.

But the exhibitor has his own sob story. He doesn't get the entire ticket money. Half of it goes to the government in the form of taxes and the other half is shared by the producer-distributor. The exhibitor is left with only the rent and service tax to pay urban tax, pay his employees, pay for theatre maintenance.

So, he hikes the ticket rates first and tells the producer-distributor that since he is benefiting by this increase, he should pay more rent. The exhibitor usually doesn't relent because he has the option of converting his theatre into a kalyan mantap or a shopping complex. Some theatre owners prefer to lease out their property, collect a cool sum and sit pretty. It is then the lessee who calls the shots, complain distributors.

With the kind of limited market Kannada films have, was it advisable to order a blanket ban on new releases? What will be the fate of small producers and new entrants? And the [illegible] unpayable financial burden? Perhaps, producers feel desperate situations need desperate measures. But wouldn't that amount to cutting off one's nose to spite one's face?

It is time the government which gets a huge revenue from [illegible] came out with a permanent solution. The sufferer is the industry itself — for it cannot afford to bear huge losses and yet compete with the [illegible] counterparts in other states.

Delimitation panel elicits state's opinion

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Constituencies' delimitation commission chairman Justice Kuldip Singh on Wednesday held discussions with the state election commissioner and other officials.

Singh is on a two-day visit in Bangalore to elicit views from officials, political parties and associate members about the delimitation process.

Delimitation of parliamentary and assembly constituencies will be taken up on the basis of the 2001 population census.

The meeting was attended by State Election Commissioner C. Chikkanna, principal secretary to the revenue department Abhijit Sen Gupta and census director K R Shashidhar.

"Delimitation process of assembly and parliamentary constituencies will be initiated based on the 2001 census. But a final decision on when the process will begin will be decided after holding the meetings," he said.

Kareem Khan needs govt help: MLC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Opposition members in the Council on Wednesday urged the government to provide financial assistance to noted [illegible] Kareem Khan, who is [illegible] suffering from [illegible].

Kareem Khan

During zero hour, Congress member Chandrashekhar Patil said Kareem Khan was staying with his daughter in Bangalore, who was unable to house him.

"[illegible] handed over to him. But he was never shown the house.

House leader and [illegible] promised [illegible]

Lok Ayukta hasn't given report: CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The Lok Ayukta has not submitted any report on the alleged irregularities in drought relief work, chief minister S.M. Krishna said in the Council on Wednesday.

S.M. Krishna

"Lok Ayukta has sent us only a letter. Its contents cannot be revealed here as it is a classified document. No report on any alleged irregularity in drought relief work has reached the government, Krishna said.

The chief minister was replying to the opposition's argument that the government is "shielding" the corrupt by not tabling the Lok Ayukta report.

Krishna further added "The Lok Ayukta has to function with a frame work. If he submits us report on any matter, we do not have any hesitation in making it public.

Oppn stalls business over drought

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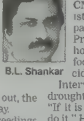
Bangalore: Council chairman B.L. Shankar on Wednesday suspended the entire opposition for the rest of the day when they stalled business demanding a joint House committee probe into alleged irregularities in drought relief work.



B.L. Shankar

With the opposition walking out, the House was adjourned for the day.

The opposition stalled proceedings for over two hours by staging a dharna in the well of the House demanding constitution of the House committee. When the government refused, the opposition trooped into the well and said they would not allow transaction of business. Shankar immediately adjourned the House for lunch.

When the House reassembled, the opposition stepped up its demand. "Constitution of a joint house committee will facilitate an independent inquiry into the irregularities. Why is the government hesitating to constitute a committee? Are you scared the irregularities would be exposed," M.P Prakash (AIPJD) asked.

CM open to dharna: Chief minister S.M Krishna said he's prepared to stage a dharna before Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee's house for higher allocation of foodgrains, if the Assembly decided it is necessary.

Intervening during the debate on drought in the Assembly, Krishna said: "If it is the opinion of the House, I will do it." He was responding to S S Patil's (AIPJD) suggestion that state BJP leaders and the CM should protest in front of Vajpayee's house over "discrimination" against Karnataka in release of foodgrains. "Our people are dying, but the Centre is favouring Andhra Pradesh with more grains and not giving enough for us," Patil said.

The subject led to heated arguments between opposition leader Jagadish Shettar and home minister Mallikarjun M. Kharge, with both sides trading allegations on who was to blame for foodgrains discrimination against Karnataka.

Who is God?

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The drought discussion was enlivened by a brisk debate on "who is God?" The issue came up when A.S Guruswamy (Cong) said: "Only prayer to God can help us in this drought situation." M Lakshminarayana (BJP) said: "Y.K. Ramaiah (Cong) said don't believe in God. You are asking us to."

At this, P.G.R Sindhia (JD-U) said: "You people (BJP) are the ones who are asking us to believe. But note: Rama is not God.

Angered, Vishweswar Hegde Kageri (BJP), said "For all Hindus, Rama is God." Sindhia rebutted with, "Rama was a kshatriya, a ruler. When we say Rama Rajya, we mean a well-administered kingdom."

It was left to deputy speaker Manohar H Talsidar to have the final word: "Let us stop all this talk and think about the gods who elected us and set us to the Assembly."

Govt urges Centre again on tribunal

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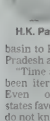
Bangalore: Water resources minister H K Patil on Wednesday made a fresh appeal to the Centre to set up a tribunal to allocate surplus water in Upper Krishna basin to Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.



H.K. Patil

"Time and again, we have been iterating our demand. Even our neighbouring states favour a tribunal. But I do not know what is preventing the Centre from constituting it to put an end to inter-state dispute over Krishna water," Patil rued.

Replying to Ramachandre Gowda (BJP), Patil said the state had urged the Centre last year to form the tribunal in accordance with a Supreme Court direction.

"[illegible] had petitioned the SC [illegible] gard to unauthorised irrigation projects by AP in Krishna basin. The court suggested we approach the Centre for a tribunal. "But [illegible] the Centre has refused directed AP to stop work on the projects nor constitute the tribunal," Patil said.

War of words

The Council on Wednesday witnessed a heated exchange between large and medium industries minister R.V Deshpande and BJP member M.R Tanga over a proposed golf course near Unkal tank on Hubli's outskirts.

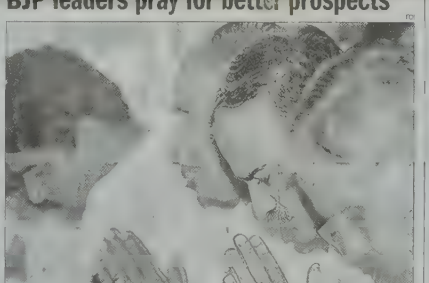
Tanga had alleged that Unkal tank-bed is being encroached for the project. Clarifying the issue on Wednesday, Deshpande said the project was proposed in 1993 and land notified in 1994. The land proposed for acquisition is owned by private parties and not used for agriculture, he contended.

As the argument continued, Tanga alleged that Deshpande is "directly involved" in the project, and therefore, is emphatically defending it.

An angry Deshpande shot back: "I am not the proprietor of the firm promoting the project. In fact, there's no opposition from anybody except for one person. And I think he has briefed Tanga".

At this juncture, an infuriated Tanga remarked: "Sorry, I do not take brief from anybody. I am here to defend the interests of people".

BJP leaders pray for better prospects



BJP state president Ananth Kumar with campaign committee chairman B.S. Yediyurappa, legislators Ramachandra Gowda and R. Ashok pray prior to the Bangalore city party office-bearers' meeting on Wednesday. The session was held to chalk out strategy to make the party the "sole alternative" to the Congress.

BU COUNCIL MEET

Legal experts to study literacy programme

By Bhumika K
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The Bangalore University academic council meeting on Wednesday decided to refer to legal experts the programme to reward students who participate in adult literacy programmes.

Vice-chancellor M.S. Thimmappa, who presided over the meeting, said the programme has been accepted in principle, but legal opinion will be sought to prevent hurdles during implementation. "We want to ensure there are no obstacles."

The programme was envisaged last year to encourage students to participate in improving adult literacy. Each student who takes on the responsibility of converting an illiterate into a literate will be rewarded with five marks. He/she will be allowed to convert a minimum of two and a maximum of five illiterates into literates.

"Besides, the criteria to identify an illiterate is yet to be finalised. We are obtaining a government order which stipulates that. After studying the order, a decision will be taken," he said.

Candidates can get a maximum of 25 marks per year, which will be computed in the marks card. The marks scored for adult literacy work will be counted for determining the merit in PG admissions. However, marks will not be counted while determining the rank list in the degree. This finalisation will be the time of Thirumpigai said.

Semester system: The meeting decided to introduce semester system for B.Ed and B.P.Ed courses from 2003-2004. The syllabi and regulations have been approved.

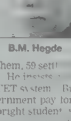
New diploma courses: Eight new PG diploma courses were approved for the commerce faculty, business administration, human resources management, marketing management, entrepreneurship and small business management, hospital administration and health care, insurance, computer based accountancy and e-commerce.

Syllabi: For third and fourth semester PG courses, new syllabi will be introduced.

Control Raj won't work: MAHE chief

By Bhumika K
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: He's against control of any kind. And many would agree with him when he says, "In education, Control Raj won't work. We often end up having self-defeating policies."



B.M. Hegde

Meet Dr B M. Hegde, Vice-Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), a deemed university in Karnataka. It turned up trumps in a Supreme Court case after a 15-year battle, to conduct its own entrance exam, without government control. "Except merit there should be no control," he says.

Set to retire on September 1 this year, Dr Hegde — cardiologist by profession, is as vociferous against government control on education, as he is for basic healthcare initiatives in the country like toilet-building. His Janatha Janardhan scheme has been building toilets in three villages around Manipal, with money provided by a 91-year-old patient of his.

"Higher education can never be subsidised by taxpayers in any country. The UK has shut down eight medical colleges over the last few years because of this." He gives this example of futility [illegible] studies to [illegible] doctors, of them, 59 settle [illegible]

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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Neither district authorities nor the company has extended support to any affected person. "The mill has been operating without an effluent treatment plant," charged Leo F. Saldanha, of the Group.

TIMES OBITUARIES

Deaths | DEATH ANNIVERSARY

OBITUARY

Dr. G.N. Subbanna
(IISc. MRL Dept)
Expired on 16-7-2003 at 3.00 am Sorrowing wife Usha Daughters Romya & Sowmya

B.M. NORONHA (BLAISE)

Cemetery Ph. 6717558 / 98455-96155 for details

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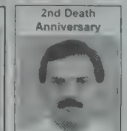

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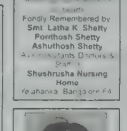

Smt Usha (Jayanthi) Sudhindra

In Everlasting Memory

Mr Kumares Datta

Born : 20th January, 1944 - Died : 14th July, 2003

Film strike over, but problem remains

By Utthara Kumari B.
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: It has become an annual feature for the producer-distributor and exhibitor to go on strike. Their fights are as seasonal as the seasons. Perhaps not — we may miss the monsoon even, but not these squabbles.

On Wednesday, however, the warring parties agreed to call off their agitation as it was decided at a meeting with the government that a committee would look into the service tax issue.

While the bone of contention all these years used to be theatre rentals, this year it was over the service tax, which the exhibitors claim is rightly their due. Result: the film industry had come to a standstill. And the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce instead of solving the issue had been actually responsible for the impasse. It was the chamber president who suggested that the producer-distributor and exhibitor share the service charges. This only made the exhibitors see red.

Producers, on the other hand, had gone one step ahead and demanded that the government abolish this tax. The economic rationale behind the ticket money is quite mind-boggling. While some producers go for an outright sale of their films and make a tidy sum, others use agents or distributors to distribute their films. The producer books a distributor on a commission and asks him to distribute the film, promising to bear the theatre rent. In this case, the producer stands to lose if the rent is high.

The exhibitor, on the other hand, pockets the rent plus the service charges — charges for the service he is supposed to give the cinegoers like unbroken chairs, clean toilets, working fans and AC, good screening facilities and sound system. The availability and quality of these services needs no elaboration.

But the exhibitor has his own sob story. He doesn't get the entire ticket money. Half of it goes to the government in the form of taxes and the other half is shared by the producer-distributor. The exhibitor is left with only the rent and service tax to pay urban tax, pay his employees, pay for theatre maintenance.

So, he hikes the ticket rates first and tells the producer-distributor that since he is benefiting by this increase, he should pay more rent. The exhibitor usually doesn't relent because he has the option of converting his theatre into a kalyan mantap or a shopping complex. Some theatre owners prefer to lease out their property, collect a cool sum and sit pretty. It is then the lessee who calls the shots — complain distributors.

With the kind of limited market Kannada films have, was it advisable to order a blanket ban on new releases? What will be the fate of small producers and new entrants? Won't they face an unbearable financial burden? Perhaps, producers feel desperate situations need desperate measures. But wouldn't that amount to cutting off one's nose to spite one's face.

It is time the government which gets a huge revenue from the industry came out with a permanent solution. The sufferer is the industry itself — for it cannot afford to bear huge losses and yet compete with their wealthy counterparts in other states.

Information minister Allum Veerabhadrappa with Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce president S. Ramesh and Kannada Film Producers' Association president Basant Kumar Patil at a meeting in Bangalore on Wednesday over the service tax controversy. Raghavendra Rajkumar, Parvathamma Rajkumar and MLC Mukhyamantri Chandru look on.

Delimitation panel elicits state's opinion

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Constituencies' delimitation commission chairman Justice Kuldip Singh on Wednesday held discussions with the state election commissioner and other officials.

Singh is on a two-day visit in Bangalore to elicit views from officials, political parties and associate members about the delimitation process.

Delimitation of parliamentary and assembly constituencies will be taken up on the basis of the 2001 population census.

The meeting was attended by State Election Commissioner C. Chikkanna, principal secretary to the revenue department Abhijit Sen Gupta and census director K R Shashidhar.

Delimitation process of assembly and parliamentary constituencies will be initiated based on the 2001 census. But final decision on seats in the process will be taken after holding public meetings, he said.

Lok Ayukta hasn't given report: CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The Lok Ayukta has not submitted any report on alleged irregularities in drought relief work, chief minister S.M. Krishna said in the Council on Wednesday.

S.M. Krishna

"Lok Ayukta has sent us only a letter. Its contents can not be revealed here as it is a classified document. No report on any alleged irregularity in drought relief work has reached the government," Krishna said.

The chief minister was replying to the opposition's argument that the government is "shielding" the corrupt by not tabling the Lok Ayukta report.

Krishna further added "The Lok Ayukta has to function with a framework. If he submits us report on any matter we do not have any hesitation in making it public.

Oppn stalls business over drought

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Bangalore: Council chairman B.L. Shankar on Wednesday suspended the entire opposition for the rest of the day when they stalled business demanding a joint House committee probe into alleged irregularities in drought relief work.

B.L. Shankar

With the opposition walking out, the House was adjourned for the day.

The opposition stalled proceedings for over two hours by staging a dharna in the well of the House demanding constitution of the House committee. When the government refused, the opposition trooped into the well and said they would not allow transaction of business. Shankar immediately adjourned the House for lunch.

When the House reassembled, the opposition stepped up its demand. "Constitution of a joint house committee will facilitate an independent inquiry into the irregularities. Why is the government hesitating to constitute a committee? Are you scared the irregularities would be exposed," M.P. Prakash (AIPJD) asked.

CM open to dharna: Chief minister S.M. Krishna said he's prepared to stage a dharna before Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee's house for higher allocation of foodgrains, if the Assembly decided it is necessary.

Intervening during the debate on drought in the Assembly, Krishna said: "If it is the opinion of the House, I will do it." He was responding to S.S. Patil's (AIPJD) suggestion that state BJP leaders and the CM should protest in front of Vajpayee's house over "discrimination" against Karnataka in release of foodgrains. "Our people are dying, but the Centre is feeding Andhra Pradesh with more grains and not giving enough for us," Patil said.

The subject led to heated arguments between opposition leader Jagadish Shettar and home minister Mallikarjun M. Kharge, with both sides trading allegations on who was to blame for foodgrains discrimination against Karnataka.

Who is God?

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Bangalore: The drought discussion was enlivened by a brisk debate on who is God? The issue came up when A.S. Guruswamy (Cong) said, "Only prayer to God can help us in this drought situation." M. Lakshminarayana (BJP) said Y.K. Ramaiah (Cong) said don't believe in God. You are asking us to... At this, P.G.R. Sindhia (JD-D) said, "You people (BJP) are the ones who are asking us to believe. But not Rama is not God."

Another Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri (BJP) said: "For all Hindus Rama is God." Smitha rebutted with "Rama was a Kshatriya, a ruler. When we say Rama Rajya we mean a well-administered kingdom."

It was left to deputy speaker Manohar H. Talikoti to take control and word: "Let us stop all this talk and think about the drought-affected us...and set us to the Assembly."

Kareem Khan needs govt help: MLC

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Bangalore: Opposition...

Kareem Khan

Govt urges Centre again on tribunal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Water resources minister H.K. Patil on Wednesday made a fresh appeal to the Centre to set up a tribunal to allocate surplus water in Upper Krishna basin to Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Time and again, we have been stressing our demand... our neighbouring states favour a tribunal. But the Centre, what is prevent... the Centre from constituting it to put an end to the... the dispute over Krishna waters, Patil rued.

H.K. Patil

Karnataka had approached the Supreme Court after the Centre failed to constitute a tribunal in accordance with a Supreme Court direction.

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War of words

The Council on Wednesday witnessed a heated exchange between large and medium industries minister R.V. Deshpande and BJP member M.R. Tanga over a proposed golf course near Unkal tank on Hubli's outskirts.

Tanga had alleged that Unkal tank-bed is being encroached for the project. Clarifying the issue on Wednesday, Deshpande said the project was proposed in 1993 and land notified in 1994. The land proposed for acquisition is owned by private parties and not used for agriculture, he contended.

As the argument continued, Tanga alleged that Deshpande is "directly involved in the project, and therefore, is emphatically defending it."

An angry Deshpande shot back: "I am not the proprietor of the firm promoting the project. In fact, there's no opposition from anybody except for one person. And I think he has briefed Tanga."

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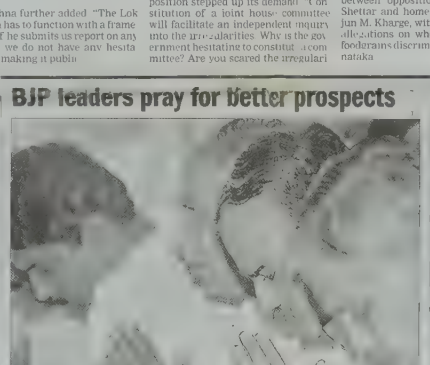

BJP state president Ananth Kumar with campaign committee chairman B.S. Yediyurappa, legislators Ramachandra Gowda and R. Ashok pray prior to the Bangalore city party office-bearers' meeting on Wednesday. The session was held to chalk out strategy to make the party the "sole alternative" to the Congress.

BU COUNCIL MEET

Legal experts to study literacy programme

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The Bangalore University academic council meeting on Wednesday decided to refer to legal experts the programme to reward students who participate in adult literacy programmes.

Vice-chancellor M.S. Thimmappa, who presided over the meeting, said the programme has been accepted in principle, but legal opinion will be sought to prevent hurdles during implementation.

We want to ensure there are no obstacles.

The programme was envisaged last year to encourage students to participate in improving adult literacy. Each student who takes on the responsibility of converting an illiterate into a literate will be rewarded with five marks. He/she will be allowed to convert a minimum of two and a maximum of five illiterates into literates.

"Besides, the criteria to identify an illiterate is yet to be finalised. We are obtaining a government order which stipulates that 'After studying the order, a decision will be taken,'" he said.

Candidates can get a maximum of 25 marks per year which will be computed in the marks card. The marks scored for adult literacy work will be counted for determining the merit in PG admissions. However, marks will not be counted while determining the rank list in the degree. This framework will be fine tuned, Thimmappa said.

Semester system: The meeting decided to introduce semester system for B.Ed and B.P.Ed courses from 2003-2004. The syllabi and regulations have been approved.

New diploma courses: Eight new PG diploma courses were approved for the commerce faculty: business administration, human resources management, marketing management, entrepreneurship and small business management, hospital administration and health care, insurance, computer based accountancy and e-commerce.

Syllabi: For third and fourth semester PG courses, new syllabi will be introduced.

Control Raj won't work: MAHE chief

By Bhumika K
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: He's against control of any kind. Anybody would agree with him when he says: "In control Raj won't work. We often end up having self defeating policies."

Meet Dr B.M. Hegde, Vice-Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), a deemed university in Karnataka. Hegde trumps in a Supreme Court ruling after a 15-year battle to conduct its own entrance exam, without government control. "Except merit there should be no control," says.

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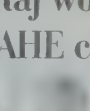

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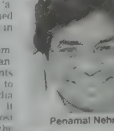

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AROUND THE CITY

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Forecast for Wednesday is that the skies will be partly cloudy. Light rain is likely in some areas towards evening. The maximum and minimum temperatures will be around 31 degrees Celsius and 21 degrees Celsius, respectively

Scholarships for Idiga students

The Bangalore Idigara Hostel Old Students Association, K.A Nettakallappa Memorial Trust, S.P. Munyappa Memorial Trust, and Arundas Memorial Trust have jointly invited applications from students belonging to the Arya Idiga community for grant of scholarships Application forms and details can be obtained in person from the Secretary, Bangalore Idigara Hostel Old Students' Association, 185, Idiga Bhavan, Seshadripuram. Last date for receiving the applications is October 31

Spoken English classes

ARDE Data Solutions will conduct free one-month spoken English classes from October 9. Those interested can contact 12/1, 1st Floor, 23rd Main, 50-ft. Road, opposite PES College, Srinagar, for details. Ph: 6522151

Civil services coaching

Fake stamp papers seized in Hyderabad

By Our Staff Reporter

BANGALORE, OCT. 8. Officers of StampIT, Karnataka, have seized a huge cache of fake stamps worth Rs. 9.4 crore stored in a godown on the outskirts of Hyderabad with the assistance of other agencies, including the Hyderabad City Police. They have also arrested seven persons in this connection

In a nightlong operation on Sunday, the officers raided four places in various parts of Hyderabad. The arrested have been identified as Sadashiva, alias Shiva, Abdul Wahid, Sadiq Kudli, Sarfarz Nawaz, Abdul Khuddus, Illiyas, and Sachin Kalgeen, a release from StampIT said

The Madiwala Police had arrested Badruddin, Rafi, and Byroji Rao in Bangalore prior to the Hyderabad raid. It followed registration of fresh cases against Karim Lala and others for running the multi-crore stamp paper racket even when Lala was lodged in judicial custody at the Central Jail in Parappana Agrahara, Bangalore.

StampIT stated that all the arrested were the associates of Abdul Karim Ladsab Telagi, alias Karim Lala, the kingpin of the racket. They were acting on the instructions of Lala to circulate fake stamps in various parts of the country. The Delhi Police seized fake stamps and stamp papers worth Rs 240 crore last week. The Chandigarh Police had also seized fake stamp papers and stamps worth Rs. 4 crore

All those arrested in Hyderabad were wanted by police in different states. Sadashiva was wanted by the Hyderabad Police, Abdul Wahid by the Chennai Police, Sarfarz Nawaz and Sachin Kalgeen by the Chandigarh Police, and Sadiq Kudli and Illyas by the Pune and Bangalore Police.

With the arrest of seven persons, the allegations that Lala was organising the sale, circulation, and distribution of fake stamps and stamp papers throughout the country even in custody are said to have been substantiated.

Those arrested by the Madiwala Police have been remanded in police custody by the VII Additional Metropolitan Magistrate till October 21.

Those arrested in Hyderabad operation were remanded to police custody by a Hyderabad court for being taken to Bangalore for production before the court before October 9. STAMPIT is conducting further investigation

Meanwhile, the bail application of Lala was rejected by the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday.

This was the second time Lala had approached the court for bail. Lala had preferred the present petition on health grounds.

The case is being investigated by StampIT, specialy formed by the Karnataka Government in January 2002 under the Additional Director-General of Police, R. Sri Kumar. Lala, who was in the custody of the Pune Police, was brought to Bangalore to be produced before the Magistrate on Monday, and taken back to Pune.

Mariswamy next Police Commissioner?

By Our Staff Reporter

BANGALORE, OCT. 8. The State Government seems to have decided to appoint the Additional Director-General of Police (Administration), S. Mariswamy, the next City Police Commissioner

The official order is expected to be issued on Wednesday.

H.T. Sangliana, the incumbent, is due for promotion as Director-General of Police

Mr. Mariswamy was the son-in-law of late B. Rachaiah, former minister and Governor of Himachal Pradesh and Kerala. He joined the IPS in 1972 and began his career as Assistant Superintendent of Police, Shimoga. He has held the posts of Deputy Commissioner of Police at the Bangalore Headquarters, Inspector-General of Police, Wireless and Computers, and Additional Home Secretary. He is 56.

Lokayukta detects large-scale graft

By Our Staff Reporter

BANGALORE, OCT. 8. The Lokayukta, N. Venkatachala, who paid a surprise visit to Government offices in Nelamangala taluk headquarters on Saturday, found malpractice and irregularities in almost all of them

When he visited the Government Hospital, he found that Nagalakshmi, physician, who was supposed to report for duty at 8 a.m., arrived only at 9.30 am. The Chief Medical Officer Venkateshulu, was having a lucrative private practice at a building adjacent to the Hospital. What was glaring was the lack of even basic drugs

Siddamma, an aged lady from a village near Kunigal in the inpatient ward, told the Lokayukta that she had to purchase all drugs from outside Nine year-old Revathi, daughter of construction workers, was admitted with multiple fractures at the lower part of her body. Though there was severe infection in her private parts she was never cared for, and drugs were to be purchased from outside, she told the Lokayukta. Strangely, the hospital was in possession of a banned drug, Cicaprid

At the Tahsildar's Office, Mr Justice Venkatachala found that the computer installed to issue land records under the Bhoomi Project had been lying idle for more than 15 days. The office had not disposed of 32 out of the 34 applications filed for old age pension. The Tahsildar, R.I Krishnappa, and the Assistant Commissioner, V.S. Naik were present

In the adjacent Survey Department Office, the Lokayukta noted that 958 cases were pending, though the office had 13 personnel. The office in-charge Rajanna told the Lokayukta that 460 cases had been referred to the Tahsildar for eliciting his opinion. Despite a direction from the higher officers to dispose of at least 16 cases a month, hardly any cases were disposed of

When the Lokayukta questioned the Sub Registrar, H Chandrappa, on the statistics of under-valuation cases, the officer sought time. At the Town Municipal Council office in Lokayukta had to hear a number of grievances

He was told that the TMC had not held a single meeting in eight months

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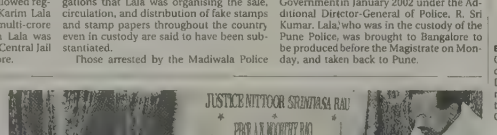

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Spoken English classes

ARDE Data Solutions will conduct free one-month spoken English classes from October 9. Those interested can contact 1271, 1st Floor, 23rd Main, 50-ft. Road opposite PES College, Srinagar, for details. Ph: 6522151

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Fake stamp papers seized in Hyderabad

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BANGALORE, OCT. 8. Officers of StampIT, Karnataka, have seized a huge cache of fake stamps worth Rs. 9.4 crore stored in a godown on the outskirts of Hyderabad with the assistance of other agencies, including the Hyderabad City Police. They have also arrested seven persons in this connection

In a nightlong operation on Sunday, the officers raided four places in various parts of Hyderabad. The arrested have been identified as Sadashiva, alias Shiva, Abdul Wahid, Sadiq Kudli, Sarfarz Nawaz, Abdul Khuddus, Illiyas, and Sachin Kalgeen, a release from StampIT said

The Madiwala Police had arrested Baruddin, Rafi, and Byroji Rao in Bangalore prior to the Hyderabad raid. It followed registration of fresh cases against Karim Lala and others for running the multi-crore stamp paper racket even when Lala was lodged in judicial custody at the Central Jail in Parappana Agrahara, Bangalore.

StampIT stated that all the arrested were the associates of Abdul Karim Ladsab Telagi, alias Karim Lala, the kingpin of the racket. They were acting on the instructions of Lala to circulate fake stamps in various parts of the country. The Delhi Police seized fake stamps and stamp papers worth Rs 240 crore last week. The Chandigarh Police had also seized fake stamp papers and stamps worth Rs. 4 crore.

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With the arrest of seven persons, the allegations that Lala was organising the sale, circulation, and distribution of fake stamps and stamp papers throughout the country even in custody are said to have been substantiated

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Meanwhile, the bail application of Lala was rejected by the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday.

This was the second time Lala had approached the court for bail. Lala had preferred the present petition on health grounds

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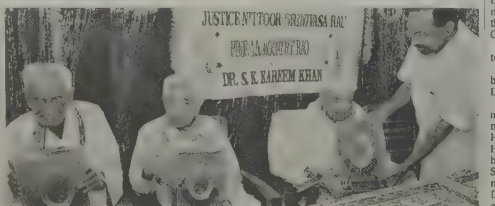

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H.T. Sangliana, the incumbent, is due for promotion as Director-General of Police

Mr. Mariswamy was the son-in-law of late B. Rachaiah, former minister and Governor of Himachal Pradesh and Kerala. He joined the IPS in 1972 and began his career as Assistant Superintendent of Police, Shimoga. He has held the posts of Deputy Commissioner of Police at the Bangalore Headquarters, Inspector-General of Police, Wireless and Computers, and Additional Home Secretary. He is 56

Lokayukta detects large-scale graft

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In the adjacent Survey Department Office, the Lokayukta noted that 958 cases were pending, though the office had 7 personnel The office in-charge Rajanna told the Lokayukta that 460 cases had been referred to the Tahsildar for e[illegible] opinion. Despite a direction from the higher officers to dispose of [illegible] cases a month, [illegible] cases were disposed of

When the Lokayukta questioned the Sub-Registrar D. Chandrappa on [illegible] under [illegible] the officer [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Municipal Council office, the Lokayukta had to hear a number of grievances

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Speaking to reporters after addressing a delegation of theatre artistes led by MLA Vatal Nagaraj at his official residence, Mr Singh said that apart from demanding the State's share of taxes, he would discuss differences in tax structures in different States with the Planning Commission. Queried about the in Cabinet expansion, Singh said that he was in touch with JD (S) National President and former prime minister H D Deve Gowda and the expansion would happen

On the boundary dispute with Maharashtra, Mr Singh said the government was providing all the necessary documents to the H B Datar Committee, which is looking into the boundary dispute with Maharashtra in the state's legal defence before the Supreme Court. Earlier, addressing the theatre artists, Mr Singh said that the government would take all necessary steps to revive the theatre culture in the State.

Mr Singh said that he would request the Department of Kannada and Culture to look into the problems of the stage artists.

He also said that he was aware of the problems faced by the artists.

The delegation led by Vatal Nagaraj submitted a memorandum stating that the theatre artistes have been playing a vital role in entertainment industry and are also involved in spreading social awareness.

They demanded that the State government set up at least two theatres in every district.

Mr Nagaraj urged the government to provide a minimum of Rs 12 lakh to every theatre troupe to revive the dying culture and a monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 to every artiste who has crossed 50 years of age.

DH photo

Children's Day, adult concerns... Little street artistes in Hubli, busy eking out a living, even as another Children's Day is celebrated on Sunday.

DH photo

Sutradhar CM... Chief Minister N Dharam Singh posing with a mace after receiving a memorandum from Kannada professional theatre artistes at Anugraha in Bangalore on Saturday. Kannada Chaluvali leader Vatal Nagaraj is seen.

BJP's president plot gets thicker

BANGALORE, DHNS: The selection to the president's post of Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) state unit is becoming a complex exercise. Now, a group of party leaders led by outgoing President Ananth Kumar has proposed Uttarahalli Legislator R Ashok's name to the post.

Another group led by party leader Mr B S Yeddyurappa has already proposed party's MP from Mangalore, Mr D V Sadananda Gowda for the post.

The party leaders in the group led by Mr Ananth Kumar, who strongly feel that they would be neglected if Mr Sadananda Gowda was selected to the post, have chosen Mr Ashok as he also belongs to Gowda community like Mr Sadananda Gowda.

Further, the claim of Mr Ananth Kumar-led group was that Mr Sadananda Gowda is not a "true representative" of Gowda community of South Karnataka like Mr Ashok and, hence, the latter was preferred for the post.

Initially, Mr Ananth Kumar wanted Mr Jagadish Shettar, former leader of the Opposition in the Assembly who hails from Lingayat community, to head the state unit. Mr Ananth Kumar was forced to select a person from Gowda community as certain party leaders pointed out that Lingayat community would corner major posts if Mr Shettar is appointed to the post as Mr Yediyurappa, who also belongs to Lingayat community already holds the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. On the other hand, Mr Yediyurappa himself sought the post of president. But party high command did not approve it. Mr Yediyurappa's proposal of making senior leader Ramachandre Gowda the president also did not click as the latter was "not acceptable" to all the groups within the party.

Party's National Treasurer, Mr Ved Prakash Goel, who is incharge of Karnataka, has arrived in the city on Saturday evening. He would meet party's state leaders to discuss the issue of selecting a person to the post of president.

'SHANKARACHARYA ARREST'

People's court: None above law despite right to defence

BANGALORE, DHNS: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President B Janardhan Poojary has criticised Vishwa Hindu Parishad Secretary-General Praveen Togadia for accusing the Congress party of being responsible for the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya.

Talking to reporters in Bangalore on Saturday, Mr Poojary said the Congress has high opinion about Sri Jayendra Saraswathi. "Congress has high respect for the seer and the Kanchi Math, but the arrest has proved that nobody is above the law", he added.

"I strongly condemn the statement of Mr Togadia, published in a section of the media, that the Congress and its President Sonia Gandhi had exerted pressure to arrest the seer." He also accused the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders of attempting to influence the judiciary to secure the release of the arrested seer.

However, Mr Poojary felt that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha should have studied the evidence collected by the police before giving her approval.

Sri Ravi Shankar of Art of Living has appealed to the people to keep calm and not to turn the crisis facing Hinduism into a communal issue. Sri Ravi Shankar said the news of Kanchi seer's arrest on Deepavali day has shaken the Hindu psyche. "Saints cannot even think of committing such a crime. At a time when such an accusation has been made, all that one can say is that saints should keep a watch on people around them.

Meanwhile, a group of organisations and individuals have congratulated Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha and Tamil Nadu police for "exhibiting the rare courage of conviction in the Constitution and for abiding by the rule of law."

Various factions of Dalit Sangharsha Samithi, Karnataka Rajya Ratha Sangha and Prof Ravivarma Kumar, former chairman of backward classes commission have said that the Tamil Nadu police have upheld the majesty of rule of law and re-established the firm belief that no one is above law.

However, they stated that "this is not the time to presume that the pontiff is guilty.

That is a finding which has to be arrived only after the evidence is produced to prove the guilt beyond reasonable doubt. The seer is entitled to his right of defence and presumption of innocence."

At the same time, it is the duty of every law abiding citizen, even if he is a spiritual head of a math, to abide by the rule of law, said Prof Kumar. Kodalli Chandrashekar of Rastha Sangha and others.

Condemned

The Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha has condemned the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya and urged the Tamil Nadu government to take necessary steps to secure his release immediately.

"The entire Brahmin community of the State and the Hindus are shocked. The arrest of 'Dharma Guru'", without delving into the truth, has stirred the emotions of the Hindus of the Country", Mr BNV [illegible]

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VHP demands seer's release

GULBARGA, DHNS: "The members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP) took out a protest march in the City on Saturday demanding the release of Kanchi Kamakoti pontiff Jayendrasaraswathi, arrested in connection with the murder of the math's manager.

The protest was led by VHP North Karnataka President Basavaraj Appa, Regional President Mallikarjun Avdani and others.

Moreover, the VHP members who are on an indefinite dharna in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office on Wednesday the release of Bajrang Dal South India President Prabod Mutalik, also joined the protest.

The procession, which started from the mini Vidhana Soudha premises, went through the Sardar Vallabhbai Patel Chowk and culminated at the DC's office. They later submitted a memorandum to the DC, addressed to the President of India. This protest was a part of the countrywide agitations called by the VHP on November 13 and 14 in protest against the [illegible] of the Shankaracharya [illegible] the seer as an extreme [illegible] the protesters demanded the Tamil Nadu Government immediate release [illegible] facts of the [illegible] arrest [illegible] arrest of the [illegible] that too on [illegible]

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[illegible] a senior VHP activist [illegible] Bangalore [illegible] In a press release, president of the Mandala K L Murthy Yerkadkeriya said the Hindu community feels let down by the incident.

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Pregnant jumbo dies of illness

CHAMARAJANAGAR, DHNS: Gayithri, a pregnant elephant, which took part in Dasara celebrations till two years ago died on Friday afternoon. The 42 -year- old elephant, under the forest department supervision at K Gudi forest area, was ill for the past two weeks. The treatment given to the elephant, who fell ill as the day of delivery approached, did not help. The grieving mahout Ramu recalled that Gayithri had accompanied Drona, who had carried the golden howdah at the Mysore Dasara, several times. The foetus was still born. Though Deputy Conservator of Forests B K Dikshit and Dr Nagaraju treated the elephant under the guidance of veterinary specialists Dr Khadri and Dr Gopal Rao, it was of no use.

Gayithri is a mother of four elephants. Veterinarian Dr Nagaraju conducted the post mortem.

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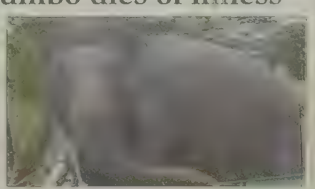

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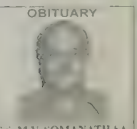

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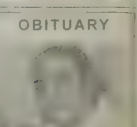

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Veer-Zaara to hit the screen?

BANGALORE, DHNS: There is speculation that Shar ukh Khan starrer Veer Zaara may be released in Bangalore on Sunday. The movie will be released defying the three-week moratorium on non-Kannada films.

There is rumour that one of the theatres in the City may release Veer-Zaara. If this happens one can expect trouble. We will surely take action but the exact move is not known, said a [illegible] the film industry.

Film Exhibitors Federation President K R Gowdegowda said that he is not aware of such a development.

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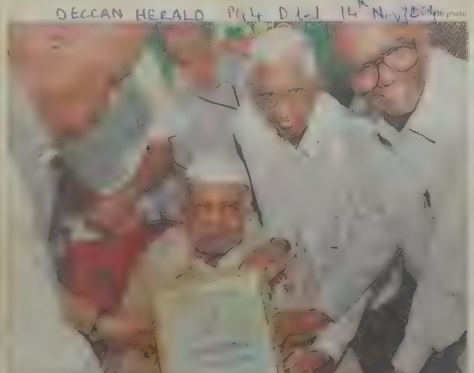

Honoured... Ninety-five-year-old Kannada folklorist, S K Karim Khan, being conferred with 'Kannada Siri' award at a function organised at his residence in Bangalore on Saturday. Sri Srinivasa Rao Mangalavedhe Smaraka Pratishthana conferred the honour in recognition of his contribution to Kannada folklore. President of the Pratishthana Dr Suryanath Kamath and member M H Koujalagi presented the award.

Expansion blues irks Poojary

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president B Janardhana Poojary on Saturday expressed concern over the delay in expanding the ministry of Congress-Janata Dal (S) coalition government in the state. Talking to media persons in Bangalore, he said that the expansion of the ministry should take place at the earliest. "I am worried about the delay," he added.

However, he made it clear that no one could dictate terms to the Congress party on who should be included or omitted while expanding the ministry. 'Only Party President Sonia Gandhi has the power to decide on who should become a minister from Congress," he said adding, "the Janata Dal (S) cannot dictate terms on the issue and similarly we too have no right to dictate terms to them."

Indebted farmer commits suicide

Unable to repay the loans he had taken, a farmer committed suicide in Guddenhalli of Arsikere taluk, reports DHNS. Gangadhar (40) had taken a loan of Rs 42,000 for improving his fields and house, it is said.

Due to the consecutive drought last three years and failure of rain this year, he was unable to repay the loans and so took this extreme step, police sources said. As the money lenders were pressing him to repay the loan with the interest, he consumed poison in one Vijayanna's farm house and ended his life, sources said. Gangadhar's brother Timmegowda informed the Kandasi police and PSI of the station, Ganesh visited the spot immediately and registered a case.

Two arrested for idol smuggling

Bagepalli police have arrested two persons in Chelur for [illegible] stolen Panchaloha idols, reports DHND from Chikballapur.

The arrested are Venkatar[illegible]an and Rajanna from Andhra Pradesh. Deputy Sub-inspector of Police B P Heraje said that the idols are valued at lakhs of rupees. The accused had stolen the idols three months ago from Chennakeshavaswamy temple in Kattibesanahalli village in [illegible] Chennakeshavaswamy. The accused were arrested at Chelur bus stand. The police said that the accused had planned to sell the idols in Madanapalli in Andhra Pradesh. Bagepalli Circle Inspector K A Keshav, Probationary Sub-Inspector Suresh Kumar, Mallappa, Krishnappa, Puttegowda, Yarrappa, Venkataraman and Ananth participated in the operation to nab idol smugglers.

Plantation workers stir on Nov 17

The Employees and Staff Union of South India (ESUSI) has called upon staff and employees of coffee, tea and rubber plantations of [illegible] Nadu to stage [illegible] November 17 [illegible] wage agreement [illegible] reports from [illegible]

The Union [illegible] into agreement [illegible] the organisation [illegible] owners of So[illegible] every three years. UPASI had refused to enter into an agreement from January 2002 as the industry was facing losses continuously. The industry has shown signs of revival between 2003 and 2004. However, UPASI is indifferent to the demand of [illegible] work and participate in the strike, the release requested.

CM to tour Kolar, Belgaum

Chief Minister N Dharam Singh will tour Kolar and Belgaum districts on November 14. He will return to Bangalore the same day, according to a press release in Bangalore.

State will seek its share in taxes, says CM

The conference would also focus on various other problems including rural unemployment, he added.

BANGALORE, DHNS: Karnataka will demand its due from its share of taxes during the Southern Regional Chief Ministers' Consultation Conference on mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Plan which is scheduled to be held on November 16 and 17 in Bangalore, Chief Minister N Dharam Singh said on Saturday.

Speaking to reporters after meeting a delegation of artistes led by MLA [illegible] at his official residence, Mr Singh said that apart from demanding the share of taxes, he would discuss differences in tax structures in different states with the Planning Commission. Quizzed about the delay in Cabinet expansion, Mr Singh said that he was in touch with JD (S) National President and former prime minister H D Deve Gowda and the expansion would happen soon.

On the boundary dispute with Maharashtra, Mr Singh said the State government was providing all the necessary documents to the H B Datar Committee, which is looking into the boundary dispute with Maharashtra in the state's legal defence before the Supreme Court. Earlier, addressing the theatre artists, Mr Singh said that the government would take all necessary steps to revive the theatre culture in the State.

Mr Singh said that he would request the Department of Kannada and Culture to look into the problems of the stage artists.

He also said that he was aware of the problems faced by the artists.

The delegation led by Vatal Nagaraj submitted a memorandum stating that the theatre artistes have been playing a vital role in entertainment industry and are also involved in spreading social awareness.

They demanded that the State government set up at least two theatres in every district.

Mr Nagaraj urged the government to provide a minimum of Rs 12 lakh to every theatre troupe to revive the dying culture and a monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 to every artiste who has crossed 50 years of age.

Sutradhar CM... Chief Minister N Dharam Singh posing with a mace after receiving a memorandum from Kannada professional theatre artistes at Anugraha in Bangalore on Saturday. Kannada Chaluvali leader Vatal Nagaraj is seen.

DH photo

Children's Day, adult concerns... Little street artistes in Hubli, busy eking out a living, even as another Children's Day is celebrated on Sunday.

BJP's president plot gets thicker

BANGALORE, DHNS: The selection to the president's post of Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) state unit is becoming a complex exercise. Now, a group of party leaders led by outgoing President Ananth Kumar has proposed Uttarahalli Le[illegible] R Ashok's name to the post.

[illegible] group led by [illegible] Mr B S Yediyurappa has already proposed party's MP from Mangalore, Mr D V Sadananda Gowda for the post.

The party leaders in the group led by Mr Ananth Kumar, who strongly feel that they would be neglected if Mr Sadananda Gowda was selected to the post, have chosen Mr Ashok as he also belongs to Gowda community like Mr Sadananda Gowda.

Further, the claim of Mr Ananth Kumar-led group was that Mr Sadananda Gowda is not a "true representative" of Gowda community of South Karnataka like Mr Ashok and, hence, the latter was preferred for the p[illegible].

[illegible]dy, Mr Ananth Kumar wanted Mr Jagadish Shettar, former leader of the Opposition in the Assembly who hails from Lingayat community, to head the state unit. Mr Ananth Kumar was forced to select a person from Gowda community as certain party leaders pointed out that Lingayat community would corner major posts if Mr Shettar is appointed to the post as Mr Yediyurappa, who also belongs to Lingayat community already holds the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. On the other hand, Mr Yediyurappa himself sought the post of president. But party high command did not approve it. Mr Yediyurappa's proposal of making senior leader Ramachandre Gowda the president also did not click as the latter was "not acceptable" to all the groups within the party.

Party's National Treasurer Mr Ved Prakash Goel, who is incharge of Karnataka, has arrived in the city on Saturday evening. He would meet party's state leaders to discuss the issue of selecting a person to the post of president.

SHANKARACHARYA FRACAS

People's court: None above law despite right to defence

BANGALORE, DHNS: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President B Janardhan Poojary has criticised Vishwa Hindu Parishad Secretary-General Praveen Togadia for accusing the Congress party of being responsible for the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya.

Talking to reporters in Bangalore on Saturday, Mr Poojary said the Congress has high opinion about Sri Jayendra Saraswathi. "Congress has high respect for the seer and the Kanchi Math, but the arrest has proved that nobody is above the law", he added.

"I strongly condemn the statement of Mr Togadia, published in a section of the media, that the Congress and its President Sonia Gandhi had exerted pressure to arrest the seer." He also accused the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders of attempting to influence the judiciary to secure the release of the arrested seer.

However, Mr Poojary felt that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha should have studied the evidence collected by the police before giving her approval.

Sri Ravi Shankar of Art of Living has appealed to the people to keep calm and not to turn the crisis facing Hinduism into a communal issue. Sri Ravi Shankar said the news of Kanchi seer's arrest on Deepavali day has shaken the Hindu psyche. "Saints cannot even think of committing such a crime. At a time when such an accusation has been made, all that one can say is that saints should keep a watch on people around them.

Meanwhile, a group of organisations and individuals have congratulated Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha and Tamil Nadu police for "exhibiting the rare courage of conviction in the Constitution and for abiding by the rule of law."

Various factions of Dalit Sangharsha Samithi, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Prof Ravivarma Kumar, former chairman of backward classes commission have said that the Tamil Nadu police have upheld the majesty of rule of law and re-established the firm belief that no one is above law.

However, they stated that "this is not the time to presume that the pontiff is guilty.

That is a finding which has to be arrived only after the evidence is produced to prove the guilt beyond reasonable doubt. The seer is entitled to his right of defence and presumption of innocence."

At the same time, it is the duty of every law abiding citizen, even if he is a spiritual head of a math, to abide by the rule of law, said Prof Kumar, Kodalli Chandrashekar of Raitha Sangha and others.

Condemned

The Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha has condemned the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya and urged the Tamil Nadu government to take necessary steps to secure his release immediately.

"The entire Brahmin community of the State and the Hindus are shocked. The arrest of 'Dharma Guru", without delving into the truth, has stirred the emotions of the Hindus of the Country", Mr BN. Subrahamanya, President of the Mahasabha, stated in a press release.

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Vishwa Hindu Parishat members take out a protest march for the immediate release of Kanchi Kamakoti seer Jayendra Saraswathi, in Gulbarga on Saturday.

VHP demands seer's release

GULBARGA, DHNS: The members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP) took out a protest march in the City on Saturday demanding the release of Kanchi Kamakoti pontiff Jayendrasaraswathi, arrested in connection with the murder of the math's manager.

The protest was led by VHP North Karnataka President Basavaraj Appa, Regional President Mallikarjun Avdani and others.

Moreover, the VHP members who are on an indefinite dharna in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office demanding the release of Bajrang Dal South India President Prabod Mutalik, also joined the protest.

The procession, which started from the mini Vidhana Soudha premises, went through the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Chowk and culminated at the DC's office. They later submitted a memorandum to the DC, addressed to the President of India. This protest was a part of the countrywide agitations called by the VHP on November 13 and 14 in protest against the Shankaracharya's arrest.

Describing the [illegible] seer as an [illegible], the protesters demanded the Tamil Nadu government immediately [illegible] Swamiji and [illegible] ments of [illegible] the court [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the matter [illegible] Shankaracharya [illegible] certain quarters in the [illegible] and abroad.

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[illegible] senior VHP activist, Mr S.[illegible] who is on a two-day visit to Puttaparthi, a

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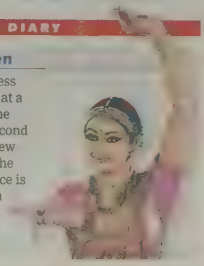

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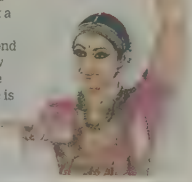

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Management fest kicks off

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BANGALORE: India is ahead of China in management talents and will remain ahead for the next 10 years at least, said Mr M B N Rao, chairman and managing director, Canara Bank. Inaugurating Esperanto 2006, a national level management fest at the Canara Bank School of Management Studies in the Bangalore University Central College campus on Friday, Rao asked students to have a mind of their own, instead of following the mass thinking.

Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor Prof H A Ranganath said it is important for the faculty to justify the huge grants and hope placed on them. He added that academic and financial discipline is necessary for the upkeep of any educational institution.

Dr Mahesh Joshi, Director, Doordarshan, Bangalore, was present. The two-day fest saw the participation of around 50 B-schools *Deccan Herald* and *Prajavani* are the media partners of the event that concludes on Saturday.

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NCC cadets of Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain College in a jubilant mood, before they embarked on Bicycle expedition to Ooty and back as part of Eco-Adventure Ride-2006, that was flagged off from college premises, in Bangalore on Friday.

Pedalling to create awareness on AIDS

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Wheeling through the 550-km stretch is not just an adventure sport for these ten NCC cadets. On Friday, the 'ISIS-Eco Ride 2006' - a 15-day bicycle expedition was flagged off by Colonel Benz K Jacob, Commander of Group "B" NCC Directorate of Karnataka and Goa in Bangalore. And the team - ten cadets from Sri Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain College and their officer, took off on their bicycles hoping to create ecological awareness in the villages dotting their road to Ooty.

The expedition is not all about adventure, but also for developing the spirit of national integration.

We want to educate people on the importance of NCC, says the team (No 2A/5 Company) affiliated to 7 Karnataka Battalion of NCC.

On top of the agenda is, however, prevention of HIV/AIDS.

The team has prepared to spread the message of AIDS prevention through streetplays, lectures and leaflets.

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Karim Khan presented Kempegowda award

DH News Service

BANGALORE: The folk literature Kempegowda Day 2006 award was presented to an ailing Dr S K Kareem Khan at the Bowring and Lady Curzon hospital on Friday by Mayor Mumtaz Begum.

Among the 84 awardees this year and in the history of the awards this is a unique gesture to Khan, also a veteran freedom fighter. The Kannada folk artiste, 98, refused a house offered by the government to him and the opportunity to become an MLC twice, while he was active in folk culture. Khan who has been bedridden for a year and hospitalised mid-May having lost consciousness.

Following complaints from the family members that the Government had not come forward to help him, the government recently announced payment of all his hospital bills at Bowring.

IN BRIEF

Power disruption

Power supply will be affected on June 10 between 10 am and 2 pm in Kambipura, Karubele, Kumbalgod Industrial Area, Kanminike Colony, Hampapura, Sheshagiri limit, Thagachaguppe, Devagere, Anchepalya, 50A Kavai BG Karnataka Institute Nityanandanagar, K'Gollahalli, Kullegowdanapaya Kenchanapalya, Gonipura, Chinnakurchi, Thittahalli, Seegehalli, Lingapura, Hosapalya, Bandayyanapalya, Thippur, Kengeri Satellite Town and others areas. The same is due to BESCOM's maintenance works at Kumbalagodu MUSS. For complaints any BESCOM may be reached on the toll-free number 12660.

CRIME BEAT

Forged documents: Four Lankans held

BANGALORE, DHNS: Airport Police has arrested four Sri Lankans at Bangalore International Airport for trying to travel with forged documents on Thursday night.

The arrested are Anula Dayasiri Hihara Hewage, Indunil Thushara Fernando Thattage, Rashmi Peshangika Jayasinghe Arachchige and Dinusha Kumari Warnakulasooriya. The four were caught by immigration authorities when they attempted to board an Air France flight to Italy with forged documents. A release issued by the police stated that the accused, during interrogation, revealed that the work permits of the four in Italy were forged.

They revealed that various arrival and departure seals in their passports were also forged. The four arrested persons have stated that Lionel of Sri Lanka and Harry of Bangalore had helped them procure the forged documents for which each of them had paid Rs 3 lakh.

Water packaging unit raided

Drinking water cans carrying fake ISI marks were seized by the Madivala Police during a raid at an illegal unit on Begur Road in Hongasandra recently.

The police along with representatives from Bureau of Indian Standards raided M/s Aqua & Star Technology, Prathik Complex. The company was marketing the water cans in the name of M/S Sumukha Enterprises without valid license.

According to a release issued by BIS, the organisation has planned a series of such raids throughout the State to take action action against misuse of ISI marks. Complaints regarding misuse may be sent through e-mail: bnbo@bis.org.in

Cyclist killed, 2 hurt in mishap

A cyclist was killed and two riders were injured when a KSRTC bus knocked them down following a brake failure on Mysore Road near Kengeri on Friday morning. Bhaskaraj (38), a farmer, was killed. Urgansoorappa (45) and his wife Gowramma(37), residents of Lingabeeranhalli who were injured, have been admitted to Nimhans. The bus stopped only after hitting an electric pole. None of the passengers were injured. The driver fled from the spot.

Student robbed at knifepoint

An engineering student travelling in an autorickshaw on Thursday night was robbed of valuables worth Rs 6000 at knifepoint. Police said Yatish boarded an auto from Majestic. Two others were already seated. On reaching Krishnarao Park , the auto driver and passengers threatened him at knife point and snatched a wrist watch, mobile phone and Rs 400 cash. They pushed him off the vehicle before fleeing. The Jayanagar police has registered a case

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GENERAL

Civic Bangalore: Panel discussion on Providing water for all - challenges ahead', Lakshmi Venkatachalam, Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Clifton D Rozario, Researcher, Alternative Law Forum participate, Ashirvad, 30, St Marks Road, 3 pm

Bharat Sevadal: Inauguration of M C Modi's recently constructed extension training institute, by B K Hariprasad, Principal Secretary Akhila Bharath Congress Samithi, New Delhi, C K Jaffer Sharieff, former minister participate, M C Modi Training Institute, Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar, Thanisandra, 11 am

Returned Non-Resident Indian Association: Talk on 'Bangalore - India's best city' by K Jairaj, BMP Commissioner, Raikumar Hall, KGA, 1 Golf Avenue, behind Diamond District, Off Airport Road, 1 pm

Citizens' Forum - talk on 'Training in Management for ... nurs,' by Ramakrishnan C ... Project ... ture school, K C Puttanna Road, Dodd Mavalli, 4.30 pm

The Indian Institute of World Culture: Talk on 'Story in my opinion' by Yashwanta Chittala, 6, B P Wadia Road, Basavanagudi, 6 pm

Upasana: Presentation of award to K S Surekha, singer, H S Venkatesha Murthy, M N Vyasa Rao, Poet, participate, Ravindra Kalakshetra, J C Road, 6 pm.

Bangalore University Canara Bank School of Management Studies: Valedictory of 'National level management festival' S Radhakrishnan, Executive Vice-President and Head, Mudra - South, Gopal P Mahajra, Director, Organisation and Talent Development of Oracle India Private Limited participate, Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Central College Campus, 5.30 pm

Global Academy of Technology: Convocation ceremony, Ashok Khenv, Managing Director of Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise participate, College premises, Ideal Home Township, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, 4 pm.

Karnataka Panchayat Parishat: Party workers' meet, Motamma, MLC, R G Narasimha Iyengar, President of Karnataka Panchayat Parishat participate, Karnataka State Vishwakarma Sangha, 3, Sirur Park Road, behind Natarai Talkies, Seshadripuram, 11.30 am

Chartered Foundation: Distribution of notebooks, uniforms and other student requirements to the poor students Ranganeshwari Vidya Mandir, 15/A, Jayamma Lakshmanarayana Road, 7th Cross, 2nd Block, BSK 1st Stage, 10 am.

PESIT: Inauguration of national seminar on Graph Theory and Algorithms, by B D Acharya, Advisor and Head Department of Science and Technology New Delhi, PESIT campus, 100ft Ring Road, BSK 3rd Stage, 10 am.

Ladies' wing Jayanagar 4th block Residents' Welfare Association: Inauguration of its premises, by Tara, eye sector, Shankara Auditorium, NMKRV First Grade Women's College, Jayanagar 3rd Block, 5.30 pm.

CULTURAL

BMP: Sugama Sangeetha on the occasion of Kempegowda day by C Ashwath, M Lakshminarayan, Deputy Mayor V Somanna, MLA participate, Late Shankarnag bus stand, NGOs Colony, Kamalanagar, 6 pm.

Thirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam Dharmaprachar Parishat: Music by N Jayaram, Venkateshwara Sannidhi, Vyalikaval, 6 pm.

Bangalore Lalithakala Parishat: Flute recital by N Ramani, H N Kalakshetra, Jayanagar, 6.30 pm.

Kamat Yatriniwas Private Limited: Veena recital by Vani Yadunandan, Rajgle Rock, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, 8 pm (ph 26604027)

Benaka: Staging of play 'Sattavara neralu' directed by B V Karanth, Rangashankara, J P Nagar, 7.30 pm (ph 9845985525)

Shakuntala Nrityalaya: Bharatanatyam by Padmini Sirish, Nayana, J C Road, 6.30 pm.

Rajarajeshwarinagar Cultural Association: Vocal recital by Bharati Venugopal, 816, 16th Cross, 10th Main, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwarinagar, 6.30 pm (ph 28600078)

Nadarajanjali Sangeetha Sabha: Flute recital by M P Ramanuja, Dharini Auditorium, Behind Post Office, Basaveshwaranagar, 6.15 pm

Advaita: Vocal recital by Sanjay Subrahmanyam, Mangala Mantapa, NMKRV Women's College, 22nd Cross, 3rd Block Jayanagar, 6.30 pm (ph 51200236)

Poets' international: Poetry reading session, Ashirvad, 30, St Marks Road, 2.30 pm. (ph 9343443155)

Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha: Vocal duet by Lalitha Santhanam and Bhuvana Rajagopalan, Purandara Bhavan, 8th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, 6 pm (ph 27711214)

Karnataka Samaskruthi Vedike: Film songs and Brithya competitions in memory of Dr Rajkumar, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Cuamarapet, 9 am.

Bodhi Art: The Wet sleeves of Atul Dodiya Super Role, Gallery Sumukha, 24/10, BTS Depot Road, Wilson Garden, 10 am (ph 25562210)

Sumukh Prakashana: Release of book 'Nanna Balukina Karana - a collection of poems' by Kamala Hampana, 174/E, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, Vidyaranyanagar, Magadi Rad Tollgate, 6.30 pm

Shivashikari Samskruthika Sabha: Vocal recital by Anju Nagaraj, Kalasandheshwara Temple, Dayananda Sagar College Road, Eshwaranagar, 6.30 pm

Sri Kaballama Kala Sangha: Valedictory of Kalotsava, M Venkatachala of Lokayukta, H M Revanna, former minister, Subhash Bharani, IPS participate Ravindra Kalakshetra, J C Road, 9.30 am

RELIGIOUS

Sri Subramanya Seva Trust: Sri Mukthinaaga Brahma Rathotsava, Vishwa Bhushana Theertha Swamiji, R Ashok Minister for Health and Family Welfare participate, Ramohalli, Big Banyan Tree Road, Kengeri, 9.30 am

Nada Veda Adhyayana Kendra: Inauguration of workshop on 'Bhaveshwaram its contemporary relevance' by K Ramachandra Sharma (Director, National Institute of Vedic Sciences, Marthandam) B V Rathnaiah Setty Auditorium, VET Polytechnic, 14th Main, 2nd phase, J P Nagar, 8 am

Ramana Maharshi Centre for Learning: Discourse on Ramana Gita by K G Subraya Sharma, Post office Road, Sanjayanagar, 6.30 pm

Chinmaya Mission: Discourse on Bhagawad Geeta by Swami Krutatmananda R V Teachers' College, R V Road, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, 6.30 pm

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Management fest kicks off

DH News Service

BANGALORE: India is ahead of China in management talents and will remain ahead for the next 10 years at least, said Mr M B N Rao, chairman and managing director Canara Bank. Inaugurating Esperanto 2006, a national level management fest at the Canara Bank School of Management Studies in the Bangalore University Central College campus on Friday, Rao asked students to have a mind of their own, instead of following the mass thinking.

Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor Prof H A Ranganath said it is important for the faculty to justify the huge grants and hope placed on them. He added that academic and financial discipline is necessary for the upkeep of any educational institution.

Dr Mahesh Joshi, Director, Doordarshan, Bangalore, was present. The two-day fest saw the participation of around 50 B-schools *Deccan Herald* and *Prajavani* are the media partners of the event that concludes on Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Power disruption

Power supply will be affected on June 10 between 10 am and 2 pm in Kambipura, Karubele, Kumbalgod Industrial Area, Kanminike Colony, Hampapura, Shettigiri limit, Thagachaguppe, Devagere, Anchepalya, BM Kaval, BGS institute Nityanandanagar, K'Gollahalli, Kullegowdanapalya, Kenchanapalya, Gonipura, Chinnakurchi, Thittahalli, Seegehalli, Lingapura, Hosapalya, Bandayyanapalya, Thippur, Kengeri Satellite Town and others areas. The same is due to BESCOM's maintenance works at Kumbalagodu MUSS. For complaints any BESCOM may be reached on the toll-free number 12660.

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NCC cadets of Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain College in a jubilant mood, before they embarked on Bicycle expedition to Ooty and back as part of Eco-Adventure Ride-2006, that was flagged off from college premises, in Bangalore on Friday.

Pedalling to create awareness on AIDS

DH News Service

BANGALORE: Wheeling through the 550-km stretch is not just an adventure sport for these ten NCC cadets. On Friday, the 'ISIS-Eco Ride 2006' - a 15-day bicycle expedition was flagged off by Colonel Benz K Jacob, Commander of Group "B" NCC Directorate of Karnataka and Goa in Bangalore. And the team - ten cadets from Sri Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain College and their officer, took off on their bicycles hoping to create ecological awareness in the villages dotting their road to Ooty.

The expedition is not all about adventure, but also for developing the spirit of national integration.

We want to educate people on the importance of NCC, says the team (No 2A/5 Company) affiliated to 7 Karnataka Battalion of NCC.

On top of the agenda is, however, prevention of HIV/AIDS.

The team has prepared to spread the message of AIDS prevention through streetplays, lectures and leaflets.

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Karim Khan presented Kempegowda award

DH News Service

BANGALORE: The folk literature Kempegowda Day 2006 award was presented to ailing Dr S K Kareem Khan at the Bowring and Lady Curzon hospital on Friday by Mayor Mumtaz Begum.

Among the 84 awardees this year and in the history of the awards this is a unique gesture to Khan, also a veteran freedom fighter. The Kannada folk artiste, 98, refused a house offered by the government to him and the opportunity to become an MLC twice, while he was active in folk culture. Khan who has been bed ridden for a year and hospitalised mid-May having lost consciousness.

Following complaints from the family members that the Government had not come forward to help him the government recently announced payment of all his hospital bills at Bowring.

CRIME BEAT

Forged documents: Four Lankans held

BANGALORE, DHNS: Airport Police has arrested four Sri Lankans at Bangalore International Airport for trying to travel with forged documents on Thursday night.

The arrested are Anula Dayasiri Hihara Hewage, Indunil Thushara Fernando Thattage, Rashmi Peshangika Jayasinghe Arachchige and Dinusha Kumari Warnakulasooriya. The four were caught by immigration authorities when they attempted to board an Air France flight to Italy with forged documents. A release issued by the police stated that the accused, during interrogation, revealed that the work permits of the four in Italy were forged.

They revealed that various arrival and departure seals in their passports were also forged. The four arrested persons have stated that Lionel of Sri Lanka and Harry of Bangalore had helped them procure the forged documents for which each of them had paid Rs 3 lakh.

Water packaging unit raided

Drinking water cans carrying fake ISI marks were seized by the Madivala Police during a raid at an illegal unit on Begur Road in Hongasandra recently.

The police along with representatives from Bureau of Indian Standards raided Ms Aqua & Star Technology, Prathik Complex. The company was marketing the water cans in the name of M/S Sumukha Enterprises without valid license.

According to a release issued by BIS, the organisation has planned a series of such raids throughout the State to take action action against misuse of ISI marks. Complaints regarding misuse may be sent through e-mail: bn bo@bis.org.in

Cyclist killed, 2 hurt in mishap

A cyclist was killed and two riders were injured when a KSRTC bus knocked them down following a brake failure on Mysore Road near Kengeri on Friday morning. Basavaraj (38), a farmer, was killed. Urganoorappa (45) and his wife Gowramma(37), residents of Lingabeeranhalli, who were injured, have been admitted to Numhans. The bus stopped only after hitting an electric pole. None of the passengers were injured. The driver fled from the spot.

Student robbed at knifepoint

An engineering student travelling in an autorickshaw on Thursday night was robbed of valuables worth Rs 6000 at knifepoint. Police said Yatish boarded an auto from Majestic. Two others were already seated. On reaching Krishnarao Park, the auto driver and passengers threatened him at knifepoint and snatched a wrist watch, mobile phone and Rs 400 cash. They pushed him off the vehicle before fleeing. The Jayanagar police has registered a case.

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IN THE CITY TODAY

GENERAL

Civic Bangalore: Panel discussion on Providing wash facilities at Metro Railway Stations Venue: Dakshin Parishad Secretary, Urban Development Clifton D Rozario, Research Associate Alternative Law Forum participate Abhivriddi, 30, St Marks Road, 3 pm

Bharat Sevadal: Inauguration of M C Modi's recently constructed extension training institute, by B K Hariprasad, Congress Secretary Akhila Bharath Congress Samithi, New Delhi, C K Jaffer Sharieff former minister participate, M C Modi Training Institute, Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar, Thanisandra, 11 am

Returned Non-Resident Indian Association: Talk on 'Bangalore - India's best city' by K Surya, BMP Commissioner Banquet Hall, KGA, 1 Golf Avenue, behind Diamond District, Off Airport Road 7 pm

Citizens' Forum: Talk on 'Training in Mountaineering adventure ' by Ramachandra Rao, Bright Future School, Puttanna Road, Doda Mavalli, 4.30 pm

The Indian Institute of World Culture Talk on 'Story in my opinion' by Yeshwanta Chittala, K B P Wadia Road Basavanagudi, 6 pm

Upasana: Presentation of award to K S Surekha, singer, H S Venkatesha Murthy, M N Vasaa Rao Poet participate, Ravindra Kalakshetra, J C Road, 6 pm

Bangalore University Canara Bank School of Management Studies: Valedictory of 'National level management festival Esperanto 2006' Vice-President and Head, Mudra South Regional P Mahatra, Director Organisation and Talent Development of Oracle India Private Limited participate, Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Central College Campus, 5.30 pm

Global Academy of Technology: Convocation ceremony, Ashok Kheny, Managing Director of Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise participate, College premises, Ideal Home Township, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, 4 pm

Karnataka Panchayat Parishat: Party workers' meet, Motamma, MLC, R G Narasimha Iyengar, President of Karnataka Panchayat Parishat participate Karnataka State Vishwakarma Samaja Sirur Park Road, behind Natarai Talkies, Seshadripuram, 11.30 am

Chartered Foundation: Distribution of notebooks, uniforms and other student requirements to the poor students Rajeshwari Vidya Mandir, T V Jayanthi Nilaya, Amaranatha Road, 7th Cross, 2nd Block, BSK 1st Stage, 10 am

PESIT: Inauguration of national seminar on 6th Theory and Algorithms, by B D Acharya, Advisor and Head Department of Mathematical Technology, New Delhi PESIT - campus, 100ft Ring Road, BSK 3rd Stage, 10 am

Ladies' wing Jayanagar 4th block Residents' Welfare Association: Inauguration of premises by Lalitha Jayaram, Sri Seshadri, Auditorium NMKRV First Grade Women's College, Jayanagar 3rd Block, 5.30 pm

CULTURAL

BMP: Sugama Sangeetha Parishad's Association of Kempegowda day by C Ashwath, M Lakshminarayan, Deputy Mayor V Somanna, MLA participate, Late Nyanka nagar bus stand, NGOs Colony, Kadubisanagar, 6 pm

Thirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam Dharmaprachar Parishat: Music by N Jayaram, Venkateshwara Sannidhi, Vyalikaval, 6 pm

Bangalore Lalithakala Parishat: Flute recital by N Ramani, H N Kalakshetra, Lavanya, 6.30 pm

Karnat Yatriniwas Private Limited: Veena recital by Vani Vijayakumar, Bugle Rock, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, 8 pm (ph 26608427)

Benaka: Staging of play 'Sattavara neralu' directed by B V Karanth, Ranashankara, 3 J P Nagar, 7.30 pm (ph 26590225)

Shakuntala Nrityalaya: Bharatanatyam by Padmini Sirish, Nrityam, J C Road, 6 pm

Rajarajeshwarinagar Cultural Association: Vocal recital by Bharati Venugopal, 816, 16th Cross, 10th Main, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwarinagar, 5.30 pm (ph 28606)

Nadarajanjani Sangeetha Sabha: Flute recital by M P Ramaraja, Dharini Auditorium, Behind Post Office, Basaveshwaranagar, 6.15 pm

Advaita: Vocal recital by Sanjay Subrahmanyan Manjula Mantagani, NMKRV Women's College, 22nd Cross, 3rd Block Jayanagar, 5.30 pm (ph 51200246)

Poets' International: Poetry reading session, Abhivadi, 30, St Marks Road, 2.30 pm (ph 24445155)

Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha: Vocal duet by Lalitha Santhanam and Bhavani Rajagopalan, Purandara Bhavan, 8th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, 6 pm (ph 57711241)

Karnataka Samaskruthi Vedike: Film songs and Rafhi competitions in memory of Dr Jikumar, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Chamarajpet, 9 am

Bodhi Art: 101 Shades of Anuradha Sooper Rohe, Gallery Sumukha 24/10, BTS Depot Road, Wilson Garden, 10 am (ph 22225626)

Sumukha Prakashana: Release of book Nanna Hudukina Karana - a collection of poems by Kamala Hariganaa, 174/E, 1st Floor, 16th Main Road, Vidyaranyanagar, Moodlu Palya, Tollgate, 6.30 pm

Shivashakari Samskruthika Sabha: Vocal recital by Anju Nagaraj, Kailasanneshwara Temple, Dayananda Sagar College Road, Eshwaranagar, 6.30 pm

Sri Kaballama Kala Sangha: Valedictory of Kalotsava N Venkatachala of Lakkasandra, H M Revanna, former minister Nalinakumar Kateel, IPS participate, Ravindra Kalakshetra, J C Road, 9.30 am

RELIGIOUS

Sri Subramanya Seva Trust: Sri Muktananda Brahma Rathotsava, Vedaka Bhushana Theertha Swamiji, R Ashok Minister for Health and Family Welfare participate, Ramohalli, Big Banyan Tree Road, Kengeri, 9.30 am

Nada Veda Adhyayana Kendra: Inauguration of new building on 'Bhagavadgita and its contemporary relevance,' by B Ramachandra Sharma, Chairman National Institute of Vedic Sciences, Maninda Rao, R V Rathnavala Setty Auditorium, VET Polytechnic, 11th Main, 2nd phase, J P Nagar, 8 am

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In The Legislature

Donation menace in schools

'Parents are obsessed with English medium schools'

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Observing that obsession among parents to send their wards to English medium schools was the root cause for donation menace, Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education Prof B K Chandrashekhar today asked the legislators to conduct an unprospection as to how many of them were sending their children to Kannada medium schools.

"I have sent my children to Kannada medium schools. Will others also say that they are sending their wards to Kannada medium schools?" he asked while responding to the concern expressed by several legislators against donation menace in Bangalore.

At the same time, he invited suggestions from the legislators to put an end to the donation menace and also appealed to every one to desist from bringing pressure on him while taking action against schools for violating norms.

CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST SCHOOLS: Meanwhile, the minister said criminal cases had been filed against five schools and show cause notices had been issued to 10 schools for violating the donation norms.

The charges had been framed about two years ago with respect to schools against whom criminal cases had been filed, he noted.

The schools against whom criminal cases have been filed and charges have been framed are: Bangalore High School, Bangalore; Sudarshan Vidya Mandira (Jayanagar); Holy Christ School, Bangalore; St Catherine School (Cottonpet); and Goodwill Primary and High School (Frazer Town).

The schools which have been served show-cause notices are: Indira Priyadarshini School, J P Nagar; Aurabindo Memorial School, Padmanabhanagar; St Paul's School, Jayanagar; Carmel School, Jayanagar; Infosfree, Jayangar; Mary Imaculate, Wilson Garden; Cambridge English Primary and High School, Yelahanka; Oxford English Primary and High School, Bettalasuru; Goodwill Girls High School, Frazer Town; St Aloysius High School, Cox Town

K R Puram CMC elections

Oppn flays delay in announcement of reservation quota

DH News Service

BANGALORE, July 16

The delay in announcement of wardwise reservation quota for the KR Puram City Municipal Council which is going to polls on August 10 came under severe criticism from the Opposition members in the Legislative Assembly today.

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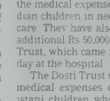

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The following are the beneficiaries of 2001-02:

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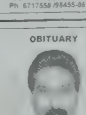

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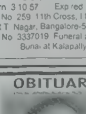

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CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST SCHOOLS: Meanwhile, the minister said criminal cases had been filed against five schools and show cause notices had been issued to 10 schools for violating the donation norms.

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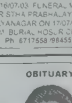

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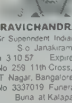

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In The Legislature

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At the same time, he invited suggestions from the legislators to put an end to the donation menace and also appealed to every one to desist from bringing pressure on him while taking action against schools for violating norms.

CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST SCHOOLS. Meanwhile, the minister said criminal cases had been filed against five schools and show-cause notices had been issued to 10 schools for violating the donation norms.

The charges had been framed about two years ago with respect to schools against whom criminal cases had been filed, he noted.

The schools against whom criminal cases have been filed and charges have been framed are: Bangalore High School, Bangalore; Sudarshan Vidya Mandira (Jayanagar); Holy Christ School, Bangalore; St Catherine School (Cottonpet), and Goodwill Primary and High School (Frazer Town).

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K R Puram CMC elections

Oppn flays delay in announcement of reservation quota

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The delay in announcement of wardwise reservation quota for the KR Puram City Municipal Council which is going to polls on August 10 came under severe criticism from the Opposition members in the Legislative Assembly today.

Raising the issue during zero hour, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Suresh Kumar and All India Progressive Janata Dal (AIPJD) leader B N Bache Gowda pointed out that filing of nominations for the polls would begin from July 21. But in the absence of details on nature of reservation assigned to wards, it was difficult for the political parties to select their candidates while the independents were a bewildered lot, they observed. They suspected that the government may announce the quota only during the eleventh hour to prevent the Opposition parties from making adequate preparations.

Instead of following such delay tactics, the government should provide level playing field to all, Mr Suresh Kumar argued. Following pressure from the Opposition, Urban Development Minister D K Shivakumar assured the house that he would provide details on the quota system to the House within today. Meanwhile the Opposition members also charged district in-charge minister A Krishnappa of violating the poll code of conduct by laying foundation stone for various development works in the K R Puram City Municipal Council area after the election date was announced.

The members also demanded a probe in this regard.

A video shot shows Tayaba Nadeem kissing her daughter Noor Fatima, soon after the operation at the Nrayana Hrudayalaya hospital in Bangalore on Wednesday.

Contributions pouring in for Noor Fatima

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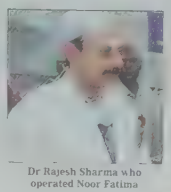
In spite of parents of Noor Fatima, the Pakistani child who underwent a successful heart surgery at a city hospital on Tuesday, refusing monetary help stating that they could afford it, contributions from various quarters continued to pour in.

Noor's parents, Nadeem and Tayuba Sajjad, have over the last few days patiently handled the media glare despite the delicate condition of their child and have repeatedly made it known that they were in no need of financial aid. They received Rs 10,000 from the Chief MInister's relief fund on Tuesday and a contribution of Rs 10,000 by the Governor came in today. The day also saw a fund- raising programme by the Rotary Bangalore Health City within the hospital Narayana Hrudayalaya. Apart from these, Rs 1.4 lakhs - almost the actual cost of the surgery - has come by way of 'individual contributions.' A grateful Sajjad couple have meanwhile donated



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these contributions to the Narayana Hrudayalaya to meet the medical expenses of poor Indian children in need of cardiac care. They have also donated an additional Rs 50,000 for the Dosti Trust, which came into being today at the hospital.

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Govt to consider revision of KSRTC rates

BANGALORE, July 16 (DHNS)

Transport Minister B Ramanath Rai on Tuesday said that the State government will consider the suggestion of Mr P G R Sindhia (JD (U)) to revise KSRTC rates in accordance with the increase or decrease in diesel prices.

Speaking during the question hour, Mr Sindhia suggested that a permanent tariff committee on the lines of the one in railways, should be set up. It will automatically adjust KSRTC rates to match international crude oil prices or to revise rates once in three months.

Leader of the Opposition, Jagadish Shettar pointed out that the KSRTC tariff went up with diesel prices but never came down when the diesel prices declined. He charged that the government was using the diesel price hike as a ruse to increase the bus fares indiscriminately.

Mr Rai said that the diesel [illegible] up 11 times but [illegible] (four times since April) and 2002 itself. During this period, the per kilometre expenditure for State-owned transport corporations had gone up from Rs 29.70 to Rs 34.40. The price of diesel had gone up from Rs 18.46 per litre to Rs 21.39 during the period.

Govt's refusal to constitute Joint House Panel on drought relief

Opposition stalls proceedings

BANGALORE July 16 (DHNS)

The Opposition members in the Legislative Council today stalled proceedings in the House against the State government's refusal to constitute a Joint House Committee to probe irregularities in drought relief works. They were later suspended for the day for disrupting proceedings.

When the government, in its reply to the discussion on drought relief, refused to yield to the Opposition's demand to constitute a Joint House Committee, the Opposition staged a dharna and the House was adjourned for lunch. When the dharna continued during the post-lunch session, Law, Minister D B Chandre Gowda said that as the demand is for a Joint House Committee, it will be appropriate to await the outcome of the discussion in the Lower House.

The dharna continued even after the House reassembled again. Leaders [illegible] Houses and Water [illegible] Ministers themselves were heading the task force on drought relief works in their respective districts, it will not be appropriate to order a probe against them. "Propriety demands that no house committee should be constituted", he said. But the Opposition members refused to budge. Mr Shankar appealed to the Opposition to allow conduct of proceedings on several other matters of public importance, but was forced to suspend an unrelenting Opposition for the day and adjourn the House.

Earlier, Opposition members including M P Prakash, M P Nadagouda, (AIPJD), M C Nanaiah (JD), D H Shankarmurthy, M R Tanga, B S Yeddyurappa, G Madhusudan and Mr Shantaveerappa Gowda (BJP) and others, alleged large scale irregularities in drought relief works, supply of drinking water, fodder and food grains and sale of certified seeds.

In his reply, Mr Kharge said 30 cases had been registered by the police against irregularities and eight officials have been suspended. Investigations are on in the remaining cases, he added.

Among the relief measures, [illegible] for [illegible] crore had been [illegible] noted that investigations into complaints of crop loss had revealed that 40 per cent of the complaints were false. He said the State will urge the Centre to extend the time for application for general insurance scheme by farmers who have not availed of loans and seek some interim drought relief, besides chalking out measures to help farmers. For drinking water, the government has released Rs 32.25 crore besides Rs 98.57 crore grant through central funds and has directed KPTCL and Bescom not to disconnect power supply for non-payment of dues by farmers. On foodgrains, he said while the State's demand was for 11 lakh metric tonnes, the Centre granted about 7.20 lakh mt in six phases.

NO REPORT: Earlier, when the Opposition sought details of the Lokayukta's report on irregularities in drought relief, which they believe has been sent to the State government, Home Minister Mallikarjun Kharge stated that no such report had been received. Chief Minister S M Krishna said: "We have not received any report from the Lokayukta. If a letter has indeed been received by the government, it becomes a classified document, the contents of which cannot be revealed. If you need clarifications on this point, you may read up the Lokayukta Act."

Details on drought relief works demanded

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JD (U) leader P G R Sindhia today demanded a white paper giving details of on how much the State government had spent on drought relief works and also the grants received from the Centre.

Participating in the discussion on drought, he said that the State would need at least Rs 5,000 crore to tackle drought in the State. He said the horticultural plantation in the State had dried up and it would take several years to grow and yield fruits.

Mr S P Muddenanume Gowda (Cong), said the Centre had failed to come to the rescue of the State. "The State need not go to the Centre and beg for relief. It is the duty of the Centre to come to the rescue of the State in distress."

He said that the drought condition in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh was more or less the same, yet while Andhra Pradesh received only seven lakh tonnes from the Centre, Karnataka received [illegible] tonnes.

Mr Gowda suggested the setting up of a permanent fund to tackle natural disasters with contribution from both State and the Centre.

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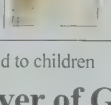

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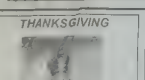

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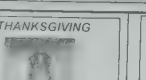

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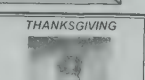

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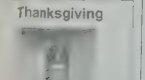

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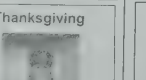

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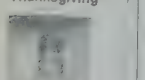

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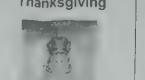

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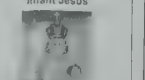

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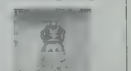

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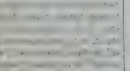

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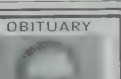

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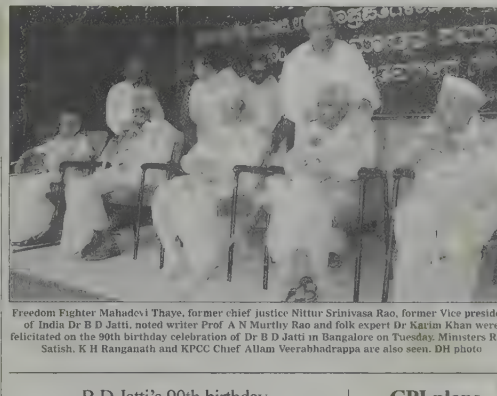

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The ... dramatic *tour de force* will be on at *Sandeep Cinema*, Shivajinagar, from September 14-20, daily two screenings at 3.15 pm and 6.15 pm

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B D Jatti's 90th birthday

Honouring this century's giants

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Minister for Kannada and Culture Rani Satish, who spoke on the occasion said the department will organise similar programmes in all the districts of the State to honour elders, who had served society

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Speaking to reporters after addressing a delegation of theatre artistes led by MLA Vatal Nagaraj at his official residence, Mr Singh said that apart from demanding the State's share of taxes, he would discuss differences in tax structures in different States with the Planning Commission. Queried about the expansion in Cabinet expansion, he said that he was in touch with JD (S) National President and former prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and that expansion would happen soon.

On the boundary dispute with Maharashtra, Mr Singh said the State government was providing all the necessary documents to the H B Datar Committee, which is looking into the boundary dispute with Maharashtra in the state's legal defence before the Supreme Court. Earlier, addressing the theatre artists, Mr Singh said that the government would take all necessary steps to revive the theatre culture in the State.

Mr Singh said that he would request the Department of Kannada and Culture to look into the problems of the stage artists.

He also said that he was aware of the problems faced by the artists.

The delegation led by Vatal Nagaraj submitted a memorandum stating that the theatre artistes have been playing a vital role in entertainment industry and are also involved in spreading social awareness.

They demanded that the State government set up at least two theatres in every district.

Mr Nagaraj urged the government to provide a minimum of Rs 12 lakh to every theatre troupe to revive the dying culture and a monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 to every artiste who has crossed 50 years of age.

DH photo

Sutradhar CM... Chief Minister N Dharam Singh posing with a mace after receiving a memorandum from Kannada professional theatre artistes at Anugraha in Bangalore on Saturday. Kannada Chaluvali leader Vatal Nagaraj is seen.

Children's Day, adult concerns... Little street artistes in Hubli, busy eking out a living, even as another Children's Day is celebrated on Sunday.

BJP's president plot gets thicker

BANGALORE, DHNS: The selection to the president's post of Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) state unit is becoming a complex exercise. Now, a group of party leaders led by outgoing President Ananth Kumar has proposed Uttarahalli Legislator R Ashok's name to the post.

Another group led by party leader Mr B S Yeddyurappa has already 'proposed party's MP from Mangalore, Mr D V Sadananda Gowda for the post.

The party leaders in the group led by Mr Ananth Kumar, who strongly feel that they would be neglected if Mr Sadananda Gowda was elevated to the post, have cited Mr Ashok as he also belongs to Gowda community like Mr Sadananda Gowda.

Further, the claim of Mr Ananth Kumar-led group was that Mr Sadananda Gowda is not a "true representative" of Gowda community of South Karnataka like Mr Ashok and, hence, the latter was preferred for the post.

Initially Mr Ananth Kumar wanted Mr Jagadish Shettar former leader of the Opposition in the Assembly who hails from Lingayat community, to head the state unit. Mr Ananth Kumar was forced to select a person from Gowda community as certain party leaders pointed out that Lingayat community would corner major posts if Mr Shettar is appointed to the post as Mr Yeddyurappa, who also belongs to Lingayat community, already holds the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. On the other hand, Mr Yeddyurappa himself sought the post of president. But party high command did not approve it. Mr Yeddyurappa's proposal of making senior leader Ramachandre Gowda the president also did not click as the latter was "not acceptable" to all the groups within the party.

Party's National Treasurer, Mr Ved Prakash Goel, who is in-charge of Karnataka, has arrived in the city on Saturday evening. He would meet party state leaders to discuss the issue of selecting a person to the post of president.

SHANKARACHARYA ARREST

People's court: None above law despite right to defence

BANGALORE, DHNS: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President B Janardhan Poojary has criticised Vishwa Hindu Parishad Secretary-General Praveen Togadia for accusing the Congress party of being responsible for the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya.

Talking to reporters in Bangalore on Saturday, Mr Poojary said the Congress has high opinion about Sri Jayendra Saraswathi. "Congress has high respect for the seer and the Kanchi Math, but the arrest has proved that nobody is above the law", he added.

"I strongly condemn the statement of Mr Togadia, published in a section of the media, that the Congress and its President Sonia Gandhi had exerted pressure to arrest the seer." He also accused the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders of attempting to influence the judiciary to secure the release of the arrested seer.

However, Mr Poojary felt that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha should have studied the evidence collected by the police before giving her approval.

Sri Ravi Shankar of Art of Living has appealed to the people to keep calm and not to turn the crisis facing Hinduism into a communal issue. Sri Ravi Shankar said the news of Kanchi seer's arrest on Deepavali day has shaken the Hindu psyche. "Saints cannot even think of committing such a crime. At a time when such an accusation has been made, all that one can say is that saints should keep a watch on people around them.

Meanwhile, a group of organisations and individuals have congratulated Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha and Tamil Nadu police for "exhibiting the rare courage of conviction in the Constitution and for abiding by the rule of law."

Various factions of Dalit Sangharsha Samithi, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Prof Ravivarma Kumar, former chairman of backward classes commission have said that the Tamil Nadu police have upheld the majesty of rule of law and re-established the firm belief that no one is above law.

However, they stated that "this is not the time to presume that the pontiff is guilty.

That is a finding which has to be arrived only after the evidence is produced to prove the guilt beyond reasonable doubt. The seer is entitled to his right of defence and presumption of innocence."

At the same time, it is the duty of every law abiding citizen, even if he is a spiritual head of a math, to abide by the rule of law, said Prof Kumar, Kodalli Chandrashekar of Raitha Sangha and others.

Condemned

The Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha has condemned the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya and urged the Tamil Nadu government to take necessary steps to secure his release immediately.

"The entire Brahmin community of the State and the Hindus are shocked. The arrest of 'Dharma Guru'", without delving into the truth, has stirred the emotions of the Hindus of the Country", Mr BNV Subrahmanya, President of the Mahasabha, stated in a press release.

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VHP demands seer's release

GULBARGA, DHNS: "The members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP) took out a protest march in the City on Saturday demanding the release of Kanchi Kamakoti pontiff Jayendra Saraswathi arrested in connection with the murder of the math's manager.

The protest was led by VHP North Karnataka President Basavaraj Appa, Regional President Mallikarjun Avdani and others.

Moreover, the VHP members who are on an indefinite dharna in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office demanding the release of Bajrang Dal South India President Prabod Mutalik, also joined the protest.

The procession, which started from the mini Vidhana Soudha premises, went through the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Chowk and culminated at the DC's office. They later submitted a memorandum to the DC, addressed to the President of India. This protest was a part of the countrywide agitations called by the VHP on November 13 and 14 in protest against the Shankaracharya's arrest.

Describing the arrest of the seer as an extreme measure the protesters demanded that the Tamil Nadu government immediately release Swamiji respecting the sentiments of millions of Hindus in the country. Condemning the arrest, they stated that it was absolutely uncalled for.

They said, they were shocked and anguished at the arrest of the Shankaracharya that too on a murder charge.

They said, the Tamil Nadu government, through the arrest, had attempted to defame the math and the Shankaracharya to appease certain quarters in the country and abroad.

Singhal visit

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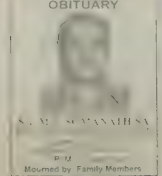

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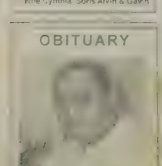

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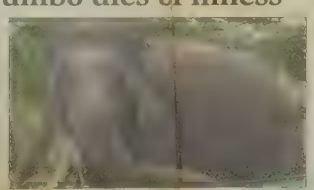

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Mr Singh said that he would request the Department of Kannada and Culture to look into the problems of the stage artists.

He also said that he was aware of the problems faced by the artists.

The delegation led by Vatal Nagaraj submitted a memorandum stating that the theatre artistes have been playing a vital role in entertainment industry and are also involved in spreading social awareness.

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Mr Nagaraj urged the government to provide a minimum of Rs 12 lakh to every theatre troupe to revive the dying culture and a monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 to every artiste who has crossed 50 years of age.

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Sutradhar CM... *Chief Minister N Dharam Singh posing with a mace after receiving a memorandum from Kannada professional theatre artistes at Anugraha in Bangalore on Saturday. Kannada Chaluvali leader Vatal Nagaraj is seen.*

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Children's Day, adult concerns... *Little street artistes in Hubli, busy eking out a living, even as another Children's Day is celebrated on Sunday.*

BJP's president plot gets thicker

BANGALORE, DHNS: The selection to the president's post of Bharatiya Janata Party's BJP state unit is becoming [illegible] exercise. Now, a group of party leaders led by outgoing President Ananth Kumar has proposed Uttarahalli Legislator R Ashok's name to the post.

Another group led by party leader Mr B S Yediyurappa has already 'proposed party's MP from Mangalore, Mr D V Sadananda Gowda for the post.

The party leaders in the group led by Mr Ananth Kumar, who strongly feel that they would be neglected if Mr Sadananda Gowda was selected to the post, have chosen Mr Ashok as he also belongs to Gowda community like Mr Sadananda Gowda.

Further, the claim of Mr Ananth Kumar-led group was that Mr Sadananda Gowda is not a "true representative" of Gowda community of South Karnataka like Mr Ashok and, hence, the latter was preferred for the post.

Interestingly Mr Ananth Kumar wanted Mr Jagadish Shettar, former leader of the Opposition in the Assembly who hails from Lingayat community, to head the state unit. Mr Ananth Kumar was forced to select a person from Gowda community as certain party leaders pointed out that Lingayat community would corner major posts if Mr Shettar is appointed to the post as Mr Yediyurappa, who also belongs to Lingayat community already holds the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. On the other hand, Mr Yediyurappa himself sought the post of president. But party high command did not approve it. Mr Yediyurappa's proposal of making senior leader Ramachandra Gowda the president also did not click as the latter was "not acceptable" to all the groups within the party.

Party's National Treasurer, Mr Ved Prakash Goel, who is in-charge of Karnataka, has arrived in the city on Saturday evening. He would meet party's state leaders to discuss the issue of selecting a person to the post of president.

SHANKARACHARYA FRACAS

People's court: None above law despite right to defence

BANGALORE, DHNS: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President B Janardhan Poojary has criticised Vishwa Hindu Parishad Secretary-General Praveen Togadia for accusing the Congress party of being responsible for the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya.

Talking to reporters in Bangalore on Saturday, Mr Poojary said the Congress has high opinion about Sri Jayendra Saraswathi. "Congress has high respect for the seer and the Kanchi Math, but the arrest has proved that nobody is above the law", he added.

"I strongly condemn the statement of Mr Togadia, published in a section of the media, that the Congress and its President Sonia Gandhi had exerted pressure to arrest the seer." He also accused the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders of attempting to influence the judiciary to secure the release of the arrested seer.

However, Mr Poojary felt that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha should have studied the evidence collected by the police before giving her approval.

Sri Ravi Shankar of Art of Living has appealed to the people to keep calm and not to turn the crisis facing Hinduism into a communal issue. Sri Ravi Shankar said the news of Kanchi seer's arrest on Deepavali day has shaken the Hindu psyche. "Saints cannot even think of committing such a crime. At a time when such an accusation has been made, all that one can say is that saints should keep a watch on people around them.

Meanwhile, a group of organisations and individuals have congratulated Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha and Tamil Nadu police for "exhibiting the rare courage of conviction in the Constitution and for abiding by the rule of law."

Various factions of Dalit Sangharsha Samithi, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Prof Ravivarma Kumar, former chairman of backward classes commission have said that the Tamil Nadu police have upheld the majesty of rule of law and re-established the firm belief that no one is above law.

However, they stated that "this is not the time to presume that the pontiff is guilty.

That is a finding which has to be arrived only after the evidence is produced to prove the guilt beyond reasonable doubt. The seer is entitled to his right of defence and presumption of innocence."

At the same time, it is the duty of every law abiding citizen, even if he is a spiritual head of a math, to abide by the rule of law, said Prof Kumar, Kodalli Chandrashekar of Raitha Sangha and others.

Condemned

The Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha has condemned the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya and urged the Tamil Nadu government to take necessary steps to secure his release immediately.

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Describing the arrest of the seer as an extreme measure, the protesters demanded that the Tamil Nadu government immediately release the Swamiji respecting the sentiments of millions of Hindus in the country. Condemning the arrest, they stated that it was absolutely uncalled for.

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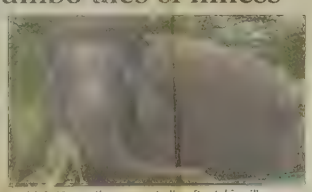

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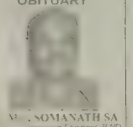

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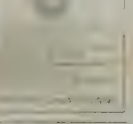

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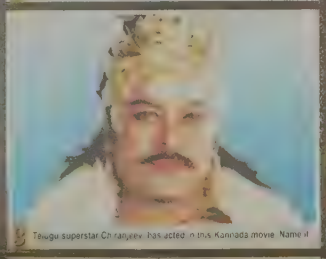

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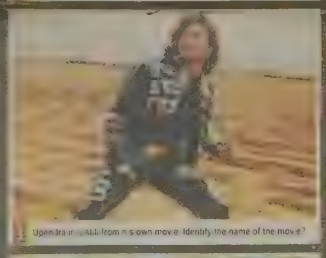

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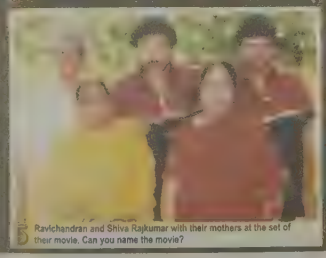

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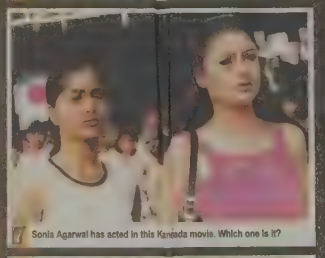

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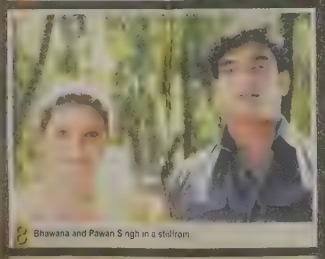

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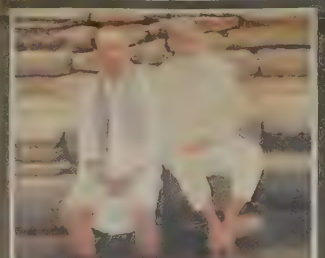

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Answers

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2) B V Karanth
3) Sri Manjunatha The other Kannada movie is Sapoy directed by Ramakrishnan
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5) Yajamana
6) Vishnuvardhan
7) Chandan
8) Wrong Number
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These classics still linger on in the minds of people. Can you identify the movies?

SING A SONG

- Late Kalyan Kumar and former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Jayalalithaa had acted together in three Kannada films. All the songs of the film were hits. In one of the duet songs of these three films, Kalyan sings *Nillele sanna naduvinavale. Vayyari hamsada nadeyavale.* Which film has this song?
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ANSWERS
1 Mane Aliya
2 Ashwamedha
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All with a punch

Do the dialogues sound familiar? Identify the films from where they have been taken

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Answers

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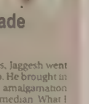

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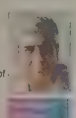

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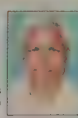

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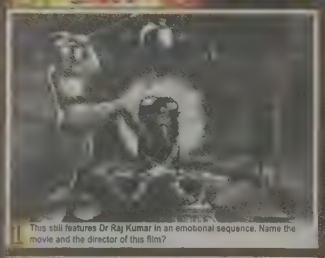

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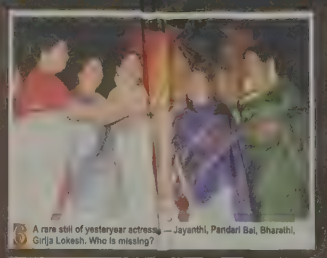

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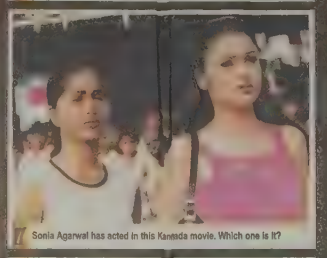

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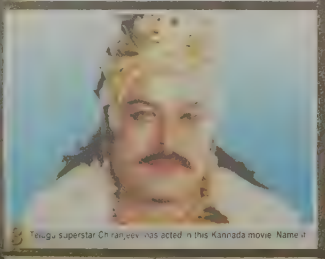

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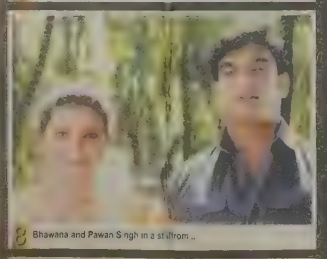

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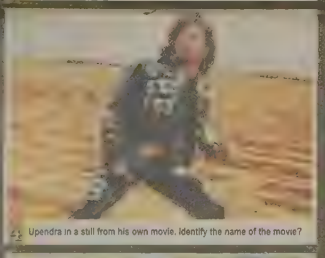

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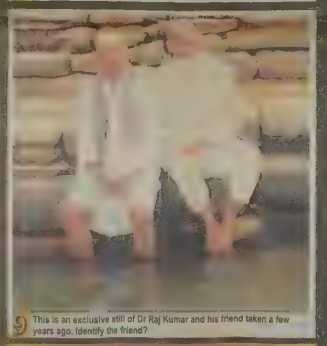

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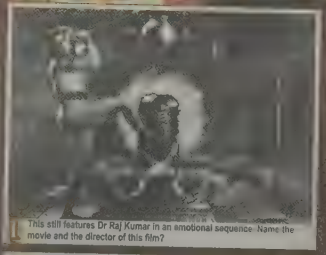

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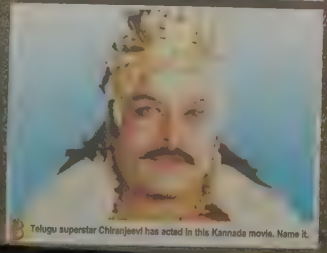

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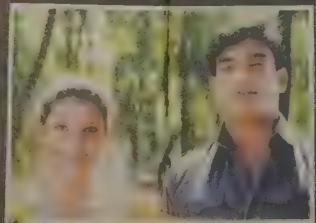

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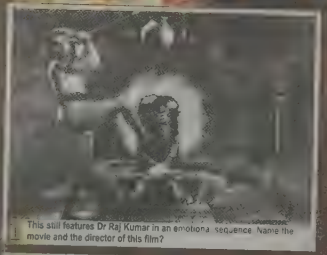

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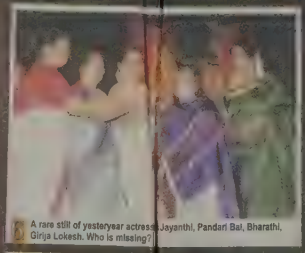

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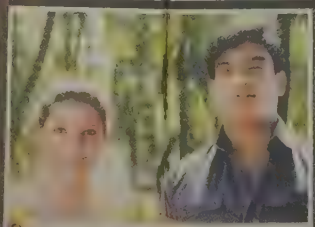

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Last date to get illegal buildings regularised

BANGALORE Bangalore City Corporation (BCC), will receive applications for regularisation of unauthorised constructions on revenue lands till Dec 31, this year

Those, who have not yet applied, may avail of the opportunity by filling up the [illegible] forms available with the Assistant Revenue officers and submit them [illegible] relevant records, states a [illegible]

Medical Officers' stir on Dec 11

State Medical Officers will observe a State-wide strike from Dec 11 to press for the implementation of their long-pending demands

Karnataka Government Medical Officers' Association President Dr C S Hanumanthappa, in a statement, said the batch of officers will stage dharna in front of the [illegible] in Bangalore [illegible] He cautioned the Government that they will strike work from Dec 21, if their demands were not met by then

Sanchar Sarathi awards given

Sanchar Sarathi awards for outstanding Telecom workers of the Telecom Quality Assurance Circle, Southern and Western zone for 1994-95 were presented here today The awards were given by Telecom Commission Advisor (Technology), New Delhi T V Sivakumaran

Awardees: Mr M John Joseph, Ms S Vijayalakshmi, and Mr P Vani -all from Bangalore Mr S V Seshadri from Hyderabad and Mr E G S Narayana from Palghat are the winners of the awards

Mr B R Khurana, Chief General Manager, TQA Circle, Bangalore, also spoke

AYUREX '95 opens today

A two-day exhibition of Ayurvedic and herbal products, AYUREX INDIA' 95, will be held at Holiday Inn in the City from Dec 9. All herbal products manufactured by leading companies will be on displayed at the exhibition, states a press release

Khadi Board chairman

The State Government has appointed Mr P Venkobarao, Sarvodaya leader, as Chairman of Karnataka State Khadi and Gramadyog Board, in place of Ms Meera C Saxena, Secretary-2, Department of Commerce and Industries.

Showcause notice to 5 restaurants

BCC Administrator A Ravindra on Friday ordered issuance of show cause notices to five restaurants in Chamarajpet area for not complying with the Corporation instructions on dumping of garbage

The Administrator, who went around the area, also asked Health authorities to remove road-side eateries and to allot a specific place on every road for tender coconut vendors.

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Mahila Cong chief

All India Mahila Congress has appointed Ms Shahnaz Ibrahim as president of the Karnataka Pradesh Mahila Congress Committee

Minister for Minor Irrigation Leeladevi R.Prasad finished [illegible]st in the walking race [illegible] legislators' sports meet in the City on Friday.– *Express.*

Bangarappa beaten at his own game

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

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But on Friday he was made to realise that mere practice was just not enough At the second day of Southern Region Legislators' Sports and Cultural Meet, he ranted and raved but was clearly beaten by Pratap Reddy from Andhra Pradesh, the same man who showed his prowess in cricket on Thursday

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Sanchar Sarathi awards given

Sanchar Sarathi awards for outstanding Telecom workers of the Telecom Quality Assurance Circle, Southern and Western zone for 1994-95 were presented here today The awards were given by Telecom Commission Advisor (Technology), New Delhi T V Sivakumaran

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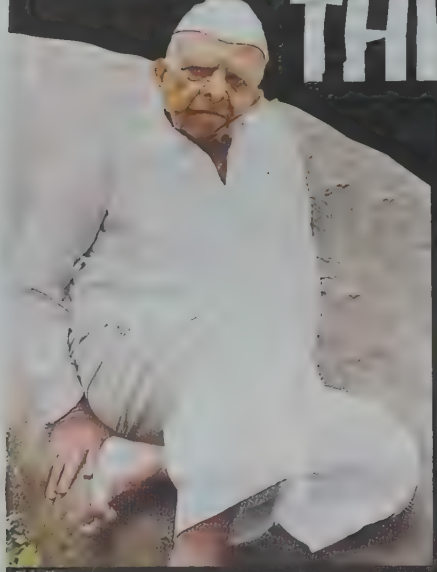

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THIS LEGEND REMAINS UNSUNG

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Yediyurappa visited him in his last days

SRIDHAR VIVAN AND NIRANJAN KAGGERE

He may be no more, but his legacy remains. And yet, efforts to keep his memory alive are proving to be a struggle against odds. It's been a year since the demise of the legendary folklorist, Dr S K Karim Khan.

He passed away on July 29, 2006, and like many humble heroes of our land, his wishes and aspirations for the uplift of folklore in the state have still not been given the attention they merit. Even posthumously, many of his dreams remain unrealised. Hefty promises made by political bigwigs after this death last year are yet to see the light of day. Having lived much of his life in penury, the bachelor nonagenarian never craved for any publicity, always keeping a low profile while doing his work quietly.

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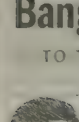

Happening city Bangalore is caught in a maze It just doesn't know how to get out of it The coalition government is shaky, what with the partners at each other's throat. Veteran Deve Gowda is on a letter-writing spree that does more harm than good Crime is on the increase with women facing the brunt. Simple issues like helmets for two-wheeler riders are highly politicised Roads continue to be in bad shape with contractors and governmeers doing a shoddy job and siphoning off tax-payers' money. Traffic chaos continues.

Take crime. The city has a large number of BPOs dotting its length and breadth, providing employment and good salaries to thousands of young women and men. Every other family has someone working for a BPO. Living conditions have improved. The only drawback is long and odd working hours. Night shifts are regular BPOs have taken adequate measures to pick them up from home and drop them back. Yet, these employees fall prey to criminals as some prefer to go on their own or some are lured into a trap. This is happening with alarming regularity.

A year ago, a woman employee was raped and killed by a driver who tricked her into going in his vehicle though it was not scheduled to pick her up. Two days ago, another woman refused the official vehicle and took a lift from her boyfriend Her body with multiple stab wounds was found 100 km away from the city. A male colleague has confessed to the crime. Both the incidents sent shivers down the spines of Bangaloreans. Families of the victims as well as the killers were shattered In the second case, the girl's family suffered repeated tragedies. Her brother died in a road accident in Kolkata in 2003. The mother, who never got over the grief, succumbed to a heart attack the following year. The only surviving member of the family now is her father, a retired Railway Protection Force officer And the killer is survived by his mother, who is already looking after her mother

Instead of pointing fingers at each other, we need to put our heads together and find ways to curb crime The police should intensify night patrolling Whatever happened to the concept of beat policemen? Resident associations must alert the police of suspicious persons or activity. BPOs or any company where night duty is involved must ensure that employees get adequate security Women staff, in particular, must be advised to use official vehicles instead of going on their own or taking a lift. Every citizen must learn to take care of himself Don't invite trouble. And, of course, the government must strengthen and modernise the police force. Bangalore needs better policing

move. It is surprising Why is an issue that concerns the lives (read heads) of people embroiled in such a debate? How come politicians take so much interest? Two-wheeler riders are confused. They need a firm yes or no. Are those at the helm listening?

IT capital and its world-class roads!

Another area of concern is roads. A committee appointed by the high court has come down heavily on consultants, contractors, ward engineers and accounts staff for poor quality of road works It says mismanagement of funds and administrative irregularities are the bane of Bangalore's roads The tests that need to be done to build world-class roads, as citizens were made to believe, are dismal and inadequate. Added to it is the poor drainage system The panel has suggested that the accountant-general take over auditing work of the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike to put an end to bungling It has also made several other recommendations. If implemented, driving on Bangalore's roads will be heavenly. Only a stern order by the courts will break the official-contractor nexus in the BMP

PARTING SHOT...

From one family rule to another

Siddaramaiah, the one-time blue-eyed boy of Deve Gowda, has finally joined the Congress. His only aim in life is (no, it's not the CM's post anymore; at least that's what he says) to put an end to the family politics of Gowda. But the Congress too believes in dynastic rule. To that he says, "The Nehru family has made several sacrifices for the country. But the Gowda family is sacrificing the country for its selfish needs." Congressmen are jumping with joy The prized catch will not only fetch them Ahinda votes but give them the strength to take on Gowda Siddaramaiah will, however, have to take cautious steps in his new home There are too many power centres.

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Helmets: Why the confusion?

Along with crime, the accident rate is also increasing. Take the helmets issue Though the police, on the directive of the high court, has fixed August 1 as the day for making helmets compulsory for two-wheeler riders and those on the pillion, the government is vacillating. Several reports, including that of NIMHANS, have recommended helmets to prevent head injuries during accidents. Yet, there have been protests. Politicians have chipped in — from CM to deputy CM to legislators Everyone is speaking for and against the

IIMs, IITs not justified in seeking funds

Quota: Ramaswamy Says Faculty, Infrastructure Underutilised

By Mathang Seshagiri/TNN

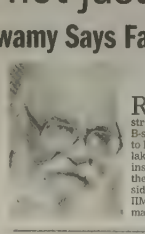
Bangalore: Just when the Oversight committee chairman M Veerappa Moily asked for a whopping Rs 20,000 crore to implement quota in higher education institutes, N S Ramaswamy, national research professor (Management) and IIM-B Board member, has told the human resource department ministry not to spend even a single rupee on educational institutes, including IITs and IIMs, in the name of quota

"IITs/IIMs are not justified in seeking funds from the government to implement quota. Both infrastructure and faculty — the key excuses for not implementing the 27% reservation — are being grossly underutilised in these institutes," Ramaswamy told *Sunday Times of India*

His key recommendations include increasing the number of working days and teaching hours. "Most institutes function for 180-200 days a year. They should work for at least 300 days a year. Management and technical institutes including IITs and IIMs should work from 6 am to 10 pm in double shifts Morning shifts for regular students and evenings for OBC students. When in Scandinavian countries where it's -40 degrees, they can start classes at 6 am, why can't we?," he said.

Ramaswamy has also asked the ministry to abolish housing facility for faculty and students "There's no proof that interaction between faculty and students increases if they stay on campus In fact, it leads to more conflicts and politics on campus. Institutes needn't provide housing facility for faculty members. These houses should instead be offered to poor students or to poor faculty members who can't afford accommodation outside campus. Even top universities like Stanford and Harvard do not provide housing for faculty," he said.

He also dismissed the need to recruit more faculty "When the existing faculty are under-worked why should we recruit more? On an average, the faculty at IIMs teach for only 100 hours a year This should be increased to at least 150-180 hours," he said The money raised through management development programmes (MDPs), he further added, was more than sufficient to hike salaries of PGP professors.



'Allow hike in fees'

Renewing the fee hike debate, Ramaswamy said the government should not impose restrictions on the fee charged by premier B-schools. "What is the point in subsidising fees to Rs 1.5 lakh when they will get a salary of Rs 3 lakh a month after graduating? All self-financing institutes should be allowed to charge more and the excess amount should be used as a cross-subsidy for poor, meritorious students. The fee at IIMs should be at least Rs 3 lakh," said Ramaswamy

LAST-MINUTE RUSH: People line up to file returns at the income-tax office in Bangalore on Saturday. The last date for filing returns is Monday. This year, you can also file your returns at designated post offices.

Age-old retirement story continues

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The government is mulling enhancement of retirement age for medical college teaching staff from the present 58 to 65 years This move was, however, shot down by earlier cabinets.

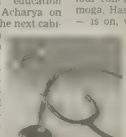
The government is also offering attractive incentives and an option to health department doctors to join medical colleges as teaching staff Medical education minister V S Acharya on Saturday said the next cabinet will take a decision on both issues

"We will decide on autonomy to Bangalore and Mysore medical colleges, on enhancing retirement age to 65 and offering attractive salaries to the staff," he said, adding that five incrementswere given to the newly hired teaching staff at Belgaum and Mandya medical colleges.

The number of seats for medical students under government quota will increase by 275 from the existing 990 this academic year

The numbers had gone up after 200 additional seats from government colleges in Mandya and Belgaum were approved by the Medical Council of India (MCI), besides 50 seats in the newly approved M V J Medical College in Bangalore and 25 in the Basaveshwara Medical College in Chitradurga.

"About 94 teaching non teaching staff and 56 in the senior grade have been appointed to the two sanctioned medical colleges that will be inaugurated on September 15 Work on the other four colleges - Bidar Shimoga, Hassan and Raichur — is on, we will look into hiring teaching staff for these also from September," he said Districts sans colleges: The government has identified seven districts — Uttar Kannada, Haveri, Gadag, Chamarajanagar, Chikmagalur, Koppal and Bagalkot — as being without any medical college "We are trying to divert private sector proposals to these districts. Some NRIs of Bhatkal origin have proposed a medical college in Uttar Kannada, while we are requesting the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam to establish their proposed college in Chamarajanagar and a Gulbarga-based person to opt for Koppal," Acharya said



All new govt medical colleges will be autonomous. Aid will not be stopped, but these colleges will be able to look into financial planning, buildings and maintenance and appoint staff without govt interference, the minister said

Better evaluation in BU?

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Bangalore University's reputation of infamous evaluations might finally change for good. The syndicate meeting held on Saturday decided to appoint a technical advisory committee to enhance the performance of the evaluation unit

The committee, which includes prominent names of educationists, will be headed by BU registrar (evaluation) T A Parthasarathy. It will meet once a month and assess the process of evaluation and announcement of results, and suggest improvement measures

The syndicate also decided to introduce self-financing courses in MSc from this academic year in molecular biology and life sciences. There will also be a post-graduate diploma in electronic media. Applications for these will be issued shortly. The respective departments will decide on the intake of students.

The Forum for Free Thought or Mukta Chintana Vedike, the weekend interactive forum, will be kicked off on August 4 with historian Ramachandra Guha discussing the challenges of contemporary history. The weekend series will be formally launched by governor and BU chancellor T N Chaturvedi.

Next on the calendar is a two-day seminar on 'women and science', organised by the department of women of centre studies on August 21. The seminar will be inaugurated by president A P J Abdul Kalam

BU is also gearing up for the grand celebration of Suvarna Karnataka A committee has been formed for the celebration that will be kicked off on Kannada Rajyotsava

'Drunk drivers must face music'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: It has been estimated that for every 10 lakh road accidents, at least 1.5 million people are hospitalised While accidents leave many families without breadwinners, several others are left disabled for life

This was one of the issues discussed at a national seminar on road traffic injuries at the NIMHANS on Saturday

NIMHANS director Dr D Nagaraj said better engineering of roads, greater degree of implementation of rules will reduce accidents. "It's time we cracked the whip on drunken driving," he felt.

Karnataka has been rated the third highest in road accidents followed by Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. According to state records, at least 903 people have died and 7,000 people injured from road traffic accidents in the city in 2004, and 75 per cent were in the age group 15-44

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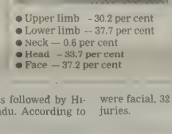

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- Lower limb — 37.7 per cent
- Neck — 0.6 per cent
- Head — 33.7 per cent
- Face — 37.2 per cent

Risk higher without helmets

A study in 23 hospitals showed that of the 40,000 cases, 42 per cent were fatal and 45 per cent injuries While a majority of them were riding two-wheelers, 26 per cent were pedestrians

From the nature of injuries, it was noticed that not wearing helmets make injuries 2.5 times higher While one third of injuries were in the head — concussions, haemorrhage and skull fractures — 37 per cent were facial, 32 % upper limbs and 0.6 % neck injuries.

BGML staff can strike gold again

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The central government has decided to give a fresh lease of life to Bharat Gold Mines Ltd (BGML)

K H Muniyappa, Union minister of state for shipping, road transport and highways, on Saturday said employees of BGML will be given two months' time to find a collaborator or an investing partner to run the mines. Else, the government will float global tenders and the highest bidder will take charge of the operations along with the employees.

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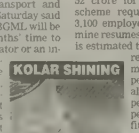

of BGML is now proposed to be undertaken through Co-operative Workers will take over assets of the mines and revive the same This will result in workers' participation in management, Muniyappa explained.

The cabinet has also approved the re-opening of the special terminal benefit package to employees of BGML, he said.

In the event of the bid during option, the bidder will also have to invest Rs 150 crore for recycling waste in the mines amounting to some 40 tonnes. This itself could yield a significant amount of gold

The highest bidder will also be required to invest Rs 52 crore for a new VRS scheme requested by the 3,100 employees. Once the mine resumes operations, it is estimated to generate direct employment for 1,500 people. An equal number of people are expected to benefit indirectly

The Centre has also decided to write off BGML's bad debts of Rs 1,037 crore and help the company make a fresh start as a zero liability company

Between 1982 and 1992, nearly 800 tonnes of gold had been produced within a 5-6 km area

Muniyappa said there is still a huge potential for BGML. "Experts from Australia have come and surveyed the area They too have arrived at the conclusion that this mine can run for another 30-40 years as it has plenty of gold reserves," he said.

Reach out to the aged: governor

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Laying emphasis on healthcare, financial security and spirituality, governor T N Chaturvedi said society as a whole much reach out to the aged and lonely citizens. The governor was speaking at the inauguration of an annual seminar organised by Ashvasan Foundation and Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore on Saturday.

Border row: all-party team to meet PM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Belgaum: The government will lead an all party delegation to the Centre on August 1 to apprise Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of the state's stand on the Karnataka Maharashtra border dispute

Prior to this, an all-party meeting and a discussion of Kannada activists will be held in Bangalore on Monday, chief minister H D Kumaraswamy said on Saturday.

An all-party team from Maharashtra, led by chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, met the PM recently to spell out its stand and put pressure on the Centre Kumaraswamy felt the Centre should not succumb to such pressures.

Maharashtra has been raking up the issue every now and then for political gain, he felt. There are many development issues in both the states which are needed to be addressed instead of raising such issues

Multi-faceted messiah leaves behind footprints

By Charan C S/TNN

Bangalore: *Javaraya Bandare Barigalli Baralilla* (Even the Lord of Death doesn't come bare-handed) has been one of folk lorist S K Karim Khan's favourite songs

It turned out to be poignant as death gave him release from pain on Saturday, even as he left behind a legacy and strong memories for all around him What the Lord of Death could not take along is the charisma which Khan left in his contributions to Kannada literature, folklore and freedom struggle

Born in Sakleshpur in 1912 to parents who migrated from Afghanistan, Khan had to discontinue high school studies But his thirst for knowledge made him read many books. Attracted to Gandhian philosophy, he joined the freedom struggle in the '30s

His service to the Congress party is noteworthy As a folk singer, he attracted passers-by to make them members of the Congress. He was jailed at least five times during the freedom struggle

During the Quit India movement, Khan's family lost the licence for textile business that kept them afloat Knowing that his family was upset, Khan decided not to go to them after his release from jail Instead, he went to Bombay to work as a telegrapher in Royal Indian Navy But the Navy, which came to know about his agitations, terminated his service

OBITUARY

KARIM KHAN (1912-2006)

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TO THE POINT

H S Balram

Happening city Bangalore is caught in a maze. It just doesn't know how to get out of it. The coalition government is shaky, what with the partners at each other's throat. Veteran Deve Gowda is on a letter-writing spree that does more harm than good. Crime is on the increase with women facing the brunt. Simple issues like helmets for two-wheeler riders are highly politicised. Roads continue to be in bad shape with contractors and government engineers doing a shoddy job and siphoning off tax-payers' money. Traffic chaos continues.

Take crime. The city has a large number of BPOs dotting its length and breadth, providing employment and good salaries to thousands of young women and men. Every other family has someone working for a BPO. Living conditions have improved. The only drawback is long and odd working hours. Night shifts are regular. BPOs have taken adequate measures to pick them up from home and drop them back. Yet, these employees fall prey to criminals as some prefer to go on their own or some are lured into a trap. This is happening with alarming regularity.

A year ago, a woman employee was raped and [illegible] was tricked her into [illegible] by [illegible] though it was not [illegible] pick her up. Two days ago an [illegible] lured the official to [illegible] and took a lift from her boyfriend. Her body with multiple stab wounds was found 100 [illegible] from the city. A male colleague has confessed to the crime. Both the incidents sent shivers down the spines of Bangaloreans. Families of the victims as well as the killers were shattered. In the second case, the girl's family suffered repeated tragedies. Her brother died in a road accident in Kolkata in 2003. The mother, who never got over the grief, succumbed to a [illegible] [illegible] year. The only surviving member of the family now is her father, a retired Railway Protection Force officer. And the killer is survived by his mother, who is already looking after her mentally [illegible].

Instead of pointing fingers at each other, we need to put our heads together and find ways to curb crime. The police should intensify night patrolling. Whatever happened in the case of [illegible] Road, [illegible] must alert the police [illegible] persons or [illegible] BPOs or any company where night duty is involved. Each of their employees [illegible] adequate security. Women staff, in particular, must be advised to use official vehicles instead of going on their own or taking a lift. Every citizen must learn to take care of himself. Don't [illegible] and rely on the police. The government must strengthen and modernise the police force. Bangalore needs better policing.

Helmets: Why the confusion?

Ample evidence the accident rate is also increasing. Take the helmets issue. Though the police, on the directive of the high court, has fixed August 1 as the day for making helmets compulsory for two-wheeler riders and those on the pillion, the government is vacillating. Several reports, including that of NIMHANS, have recommended helmets to prevent head injuries during accidents. Yet, there have been protests. Politicians have chipped in from CM to deputy CM to legislators. Everyone is speaking for and against the move. It is surprising. Why is an issue that concerns the lives (read heads) of people embroiled in such a debate? How come politicians take so much interest? Two-wheeler riders are confused. They need a firm yes or no. Are those at the helm listening?

IT capital and its world-class roads!

Another area of concern is roads. A committee appointed by the high court has come down heavily on consultants, contractors, ward engineers and accounts staff for poor quality of road works. It says mismanagement of funds and administrative irregularities are the bane of Bangalore's roads. The tests that need to be done to build world-class roads as citizens were made to believe, are dismal and inadequate. Added to it is the poor drainage system. The panel has suggested that the account and general take over auditing work of the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike to put an end to bungling. It has also made several other recommendations. If implemented, driving on Bangalore's roads will be heavenly. Only a stern order by the courts will break the official-contractor nexus in the BMP.

PARTING SHOT

From one family rule to another

Siddaramaiah, the one-time blue-eyed boy of Deve Gowda, has finally joined the Congress. His only aim in life is (no, it's not the CM's post anymore, at least that's what he says) to put an end to the family politics of Gowda. But the Congress too believes in dynastic rule. To that he says, "The Nehru family has made several sacrifices for the country. But the Gowda family is sacrificing the country for its selfish needs." Congressmen are jumping with joy. The prized catch will not only fetch them Ahinda votes but give them the strength to take on Gowda. Siddaramaiah will, however, have to take cautious steps in his new home. There are too many power centres.

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IIMs, IITs not justified in seeking funds

Quota: Ramaswamy Says Faculty, Infrastructure Underutilised

By Mathang Seshagiri/TNN

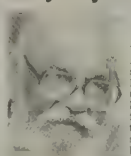
Bangalore: Just when the Oversight committee chairman M Veerappa Moily asked for a whopping Rs 20,000 crore to implement quota in higher education institutes, N S Ramaswamy, national research professor (Management) and IIM-B Board member, has told the human resource department ministry not to spend even a single rupee on educational institutes, including IITs and IIMs, in the name of quota.

"IITs/IIMs are not justified in seeking funds from the government to implement quota. Both infrastructure and faculty — the key excuses for not implementing the 27% reservation — are being grossly underutilised in these institutes," Ramaswamy told *Sunday Times of India*.

His key recommendations include increasing the number of working days and teaching hours. "Most institutes function for 180-200 days a year. They should work for at least 300 days a year. Management and technical institutes including IITs and IIMs should work from 6 am to 10 pm in double shifts. Morning shifts for regular students and evenings for OBC students. When in Scandinavian countries where it's -40 degrees, they can start classes at 6 am, why can't we?," he said.

Ramaswamy has also asked the ministry to abolish housing facility for faculty and students. "There's no proof that interaction between faculty and students increases if they stay on campus. In fact, it leads to more conflicts and politics on campus. Institutes needn't provide housing facility for faculty members. These houses should instead be offered to poor students or to poor faculty members who can't afford accommodation outside campus. Even top universities like Stanford and Harvard do not provide housing for faculty," he said.

He also dismissed the need to recruit more faculty. "When the existing faculty are under-worked why should we recruit more? On an average, the faculty at IIMs teach for only 100 hours a year. This should be increased to at least 150-180 hours," he said. The money raised through management development programmes (MDPs), he further added, was more than sufficient to hike salaries of PGP professors.



'Allow hike in fees'

Renewing the fee hike debate, Ramaswamy said the government should not impose restrictions on the fee charged by premier B-schools. "What is the point in subsidising fees to Rs 1.5 lakh when they will get a salary of Rs 3 lakh a month after graduating? All self-financing institutes should be allowed to charge more and the excess amount should be used as a cross-subsidy for poor, meritorious students. The fee at IIMs should be at least Rs 3 lakh," said Ramaswamy.

LAST-MINUTE RUSH: People line up to file returns at the income-tax office in Bangalore on Saturday. The last date for filing returns is Monday. This year, you can also file your returns at designated post offices.

Age-old retirement story continues

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The government is mulling enhancement of retirement age for medical college teaching staff from the present 58 to 65 years. This move was, however, shot down by several teachers.

The government is also offering attractive incentives and an option to health department doctors to join medical colleges as teaching staff. Medical education minister V S Acharya on Saturday said the next cabinet will take a decision on both issues.

"We will decide on autonomy to Bangalore and Mysore medical colleges, on enhancing retirement age to 65 and offering attractive salaries," he said, adding that five increments were given to the newly hired teaching staff at Belgaum and Mandya medical colleges.

The number of seats for medical students under government quota will increase by 275 from the existing 990 this academic year.

The numbers had gone up after 200 additional seats from government colleges in Mandya and Belgaum were approved by the Medical Council of India (MCI), be[illegible] last [illegible] The [illegible] College in Chitradurga.

"About [illegible] appointed to the two sanctioned medical colleges that will be inaugurated on September 15. Work on the other four colleges — Bidar, Shimoga, Hassan and Raichur — is on, we will look into

A new [illegible] colleges will be autonomous. Act will not be stopped, but these colleges will be able to look into financial planning, capital expenditure, maintenance and appoint staff without govt interference, the minister said.

also from September," he said. Districts such [illegible] government has identified seven districts — Uttar Kannada, Hassan, Kodagu [illegible] and Koppal — those without any medical college. "We are trying to divert [illegible] these districts. Some [illegible] Bhatkal [illegible] have proposed [illegible] medical colleges in Uttar Kannada while [illegible] are requesting the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam to establish their proposed college in Chamarajanagar and Gulbarga-based person to opt for Koppal." Achieving [illegible]

Better evaluation in BU?

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Bangalore University's reputation of infamous evaluations might finally change for good. The syndicate meeting held on Saturday decided to appoint a technical advisory committee to enhance the performance of the evaluation unit.

The committee, which includes prominent names of educationists, will be headed by BU registrar (evaluation) T A Parthasarathy. It will meet once a month and assess the process of evaluation and announcement of results, and suggest improvement measures.

The syndicate also decided to introduce self-financing courses in MSc from this academic year in molecular biology and life sciences. There will also be a post-graduate diploma in electronic media. Applications for these will be issued shortly.

The respective departments will decide on the intake of students.

The Forum for Free Thought or Mukta Chintana Vedike, the weekend interactive forum, will be kicked off on August 4 with historian Ramachandra Guha discussing the challenges of contemporary history. The weekend series will be formally launched by governor and BU chancellor T N Chaturvedi.

Next on the calendar is a two-day seminar on 'women and science', organised by the department of women of centre studies on August 21. The seminar will be inaugurated by president A P J Abdul Kalam.

BU is also gearing up for the grand celebration of Suvarna Karnataka. A committee has been formed for the celebration that will be kicked off on Kannada Rajyotsava.

'Drunk drivers must face music'

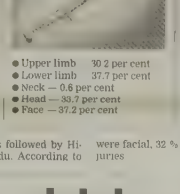
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: It has been estimated that for every 10 lakh road accidents, at least 1.5 million people are hospitalised. While accidents leave many families without breadwinners, several others are left disabled for life.

This was one of the issues discussed at a national seminar on road traffic injuries at the NIMHANS on Saturday.

NIMHANS director Dr D Nagaraj said better engineering of roads, greater degree of implementation of rules will reduce accidents. "It's time we cracked the whip on drunken driving," he felt.

Karnataka has been rated the third highest in road accidents followed by Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. According to state records, at least 903 people have died and 7,000 people injured from road traffic accidents in the city in 2004, and 75 per cent were in the age group 15-44.



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Risk higher without helmets

A study in 23 hospitals showed that of the 40,000 cases, 42 per cent were fatal and 43 per cent injuries. While a majority of them were riding two-wheelers, 26 per cent were pedestrians.

From the nature of injuries, it was noticed that not wearing helmets make injuries 2.5 times higher. While one third of injuries were in the head — concussions, haemorrhage and skull fractures — 37 per cent were facial, 32 % upper limbs and 0.6 % neck injuries.

Border row: all-party team to meet PM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Belgaum: The government will lead an all party delegation to the Centre on August 2 to apprise Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of the state's stand on the Karnataka Maharashtra border dispute.

Prior to this, an all-party meeting and a discussion of Kannada activists will be held in Bangalore on Monday, chief minister H D Kumaraswamy said on Saturday.

An all-party team from Maharashtra, led by chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, met the PM recently to spell out its stand and put pressure on the Centre. Kumaraswamy felt the Centre should not succumb to such pressures.

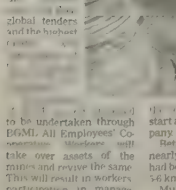
Maharashtra has been raking up the issue every now and then for political gain, he felt. There are many development issues in both the states which are needed to be addressed instead of raising such issues.

BGML staff can strike gold again

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: The central government has decided to give a fresh lease of life to Bharat Gold Mines Ltd (BGML).

K H Muniyappa, Union minister of state for shipping, road transport and highways, on Saturday said employees of BGML will be [illegible] in two months' time to [illegible] collaborator or an in[illegible]



[illegible] global tenders and the highest [illegible] to be undertaken through BGML All Employees' Co-operative Welfare [illegible] take over assets of the mines and revive the same. This will result in workers participation in management," Muniyappa [illegible] planned.

The cabinet has also approved the re-opening of the special terminal benefit package to employees of BGML, he said.

In the event of the bidding option, the bidder will also have to invest Rs 150 crore for recycling waste in the mines amounting to some 40 tonnes. This itself could [illegible] a significant amount of gold.

The highest bidder will also be required to invest Rs 52 crore for a new VRS scheme requested by the 3,100 employees. Once the mine resumes operations, it is estimated to generate di[illegible] employment to [illegible] people. An estimated number of people are expected to benefit indirectly.

The Centre has also decided to write off BGML's [illegible] dues of Rs 160 crore and [illegible] the company, make a fresh start as a zero liability company.

Between 1999 and 1999 nearly 800 tonnes of gold had been produced within a 3-6 km area.

Muniyappa said there is still a huge potential for BGML. "Experts from Australia have come and surveyed the area. They too have arrived at the conclusion that this mine can run for another 50-60 years as it has plenty of gold reserves," he said.

Reach out to the aged: governor

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Laying emphasis on healthcare, financial security and spirituality, governor T N Chaturvedi said society as a whole much reach out to the aged and lonely citizens. The governor was speaking at the inauguration of an annual seminar organised by Ashvasan Foundation and Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore on Saturday.

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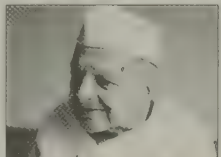

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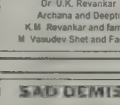

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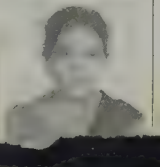

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"I strongly condemn the statement of Mr Togadia, published in a section of the media, that the Congress and its President Sonia Gandhi had exerted pressure to arrest the seer." He also accused the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders of attempting to influence the judiciary to secure the release of the arrested seer.

However, Mr Poojary felt that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Javalalitha should have studied the evidence collected by the police before giving her approval.

Sri Ravi Shankar of Art of Living has appealed to the people to keep calm and not to turn the crisis facing Hinduism into a communal issue. Sri Ravi Shankar said the news of Kanchi seer's arrest on Deepavali day has shaken the Hindu psyche. "Saints cannot even think of committing such a crime. At a time when such an accusation has been made, all that one can say is that saints should keep a watch on people around them.

Meanwhile, a group of organisations and individuals have congratulated Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha and Tamil Nadu police for "exhibiting the rare courage of conviction in the Constitution and for abiding by the rule of law".

Various factions of Dalit Sangharsha Samithi, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Prof Ramaswamy Kumar, former chairman of backward class commission have said that the Tamil Nadu police have upheld the majesty of rule of law and re-established the firm belief that no one is above law.

However, they stated that "this is not the time to presume that the pontiff is guilty.

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At the same time, it is the duty of every law abiding citizen, even if he is a spiritual head of a math, to abide by the rule of law, said Prof Kumar. Kodalli Chandrashekar of Raitha Sangha and others.

Condemned

The Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha has condemned the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya and urged the Tamil Nadu government to take necessary steps to secure his release immediately.

The entire Brahmin community of the State and the Hindus are shocked. The arrest of Dharma Guru" without delving into the truth, has stirred the emotions of the Hindus of the Country" Mr BNV Subrahamanya, President of the Mahasabha [illegible] press release.

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VHP demands seer's release

GULBARGA, DHNS: "The members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP) took out a protest march in the City on Saturday demanding the release of Kanchi Kamakoti pontiff Javendrasaraswathi, arrested in connection with the murder of the math's manager.

The protest was led by VHP North Karnataka President Basavaraj Appa, Regional President Mallikarjun Avdani and others.

Moreover, the VHP members who are on an indefinite dharna in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office demanding the release of Bajrang Dal South India President Prabod Mutalik, also joined the protest.

The procession, which started from the mini Vidhana Soudha premises, went through the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Chowk and culminated at the DC's office. They later submitted a memorandum to the DC, addressed to the President of India. This protest was a part of the countrywide agitations called by the VHP on November 13 and 14 in protest against the Shankaracharya's arrest.

Describing the arrest of the seer as an extreme measure, the protesters demanded that the Tamil Nadu government immediately release the Swamiji respecting the sentiments of millions of Hindus in the country. Condemning the arrest, they stated that it was absolutely uncalled for.

They said, they were shocked and anguished at the arrest of the Shankaracharya that too on a murder charge.

They said, the Tamil Nadu government, through the arrest, had attempted to defame the math and the Shankaracharya to appease certain quarters in the country and abroad.

Singhal visit

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) International Working President Ashok Singhal on Saturday made a brief halt at Bangalore airport enroute to Puttaparthi, DHNS adds from Bangalore.

According to a senior VHP activist, Mr Singhal, who is on a [illegible] Sources said that would visit Bangalore between 15 and [illegible] with senior VHP leaders [illegible] Shankaracharya.

Meanwhile, the Akhila Bharata Madhwa Mahamandala has condemned the manner in which Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamiji was a[illegible]

In a press release, president of the Mandala K V Murthy Yerkadhawa said the Hindu community feels let down by the incident.

In future care must be taken when dealing with such situations so that the image and reputation of great religious institutions' is not distorted in the name of [illegible].

Further, he said that law may be enforced but "not at the cost of the sensitivity and sensibility of the people.

Pregnant jumbo dies of illness

CHAMARAJANAGAR, DHNS: Gayithri, a pregnant elephant, which took part in Dasara celebrations till two years ago died on Friday afternoon. The 42 -year old elephant, under the forest department supervision at K Gudi forest area, was ill for the past two weeks. The treatment given to the elephant, who fell ill as the day of delivery approached, did not help. The grieving mahout Ramu recalled that Gayithri had accompanied Drona, who had carried the golden howdah at the Mysore Dasara, several times. The foetus was still born. Though Deputy Conservator of Forests B K Dikshit and Dr Nagaraju treated the elephant under the guidance of veterinary specialists Dr Khadri and Dr Gopal Rao, it was of no use.

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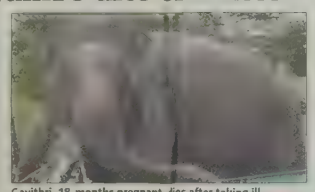

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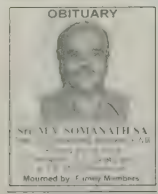

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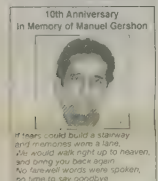

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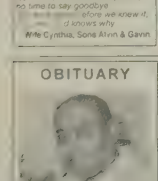

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Honoured... Ninety-five-year-old Kannada folklorist, S K Karim Khan, being conferred with 'Kannada Siri' award at a function organised at his residence in Bangalore on Saturday. Sri Srinivasa Rao Mangalavedhe Smaraka Pratishthana conferred the honour in recognition of his contribution to Kannada folklore. President of the Pratishthana Dr Suryanath Kamath and member M H Koujalagi presented the award.

AT A GLANCE

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Indebted farmer commits suicide

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Plantation workers stir on Nov 17

The Employees and Staff Union of South India (ESUSI) has called upon staff and employees of coffee, tea and rubber plantations of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu to strike work on November 17 demanding wage agreement, DHNS reports from Hassan.

The Union used to enter into agreement with UPASI the organisation of plantation owners of South India once in every three years. UPASI had refused to enter into an agreement from January 2002 as the industry was facing losses continuously. The industry has shown signs of revival between 2003 and 2004. However, UPASI is indifferent to the demand of wage agreement, according to the press release issued by ESUSI. The plantation staff workers should therefore stop work and participate in the strike, the release requested.

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People's court: None above law despite right to defence

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Talking to reporters in Bangalore on Saturday, Mr Poojary said the Congress has high opinion about Sri Jayendra Saraswathi. "Congress has high respect for the seer and the Kanchi Math, but the arrest has proved that nobody is above the law", he added.

"I strongly condemn the statement of Mr Togadia, published in a section of the media, that the Congress and its President Sonia Gandhi had exerted pressure to arrest the seer." He also accused the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders of attempting to influence the judiciary to secure the release of the arrested seer.

However, Mr Poojary felt that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha should have studied the evidence collected by the police before giving her approval.

Sri Ravi Shankar of Art of Living has appealed to the people to keep calm and not to turn the crisis facing Hinduism into a communal issue. Sri Ravi Shankar said the news of Kanchi seer's arrest on Deepavali day has shaken the Hindu psyche. "Saints cannot even think of committing such a crime. At a time when such an accusation has been made, all that one can say is that saints should keep a watch on people around them.

Meanwhile, a group of organisations and individuals have congratulated Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha and Tamil Nadu police for exhibiting the rare courage of conviction in the Constitution and for abiding by the rule of law.

Various factions of Dalit Sangharsha Samithi, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Prof Ravivarma Kumar, former chairman of backward classes commission have said that the Tamil Nadu police have upheld the majesty of rule of law and re-established the firm belief that no one is above law.

However, they stated that "this is not the time to presume that the pontiff is guilty.

That is a finding which has to be arrived only after the evidence is produced to prove the guilt beyond reasonable doubt. The seer is entitled to his right of defence and presumption of innocence."

At the same time, it is the duty of every law abiding citizen, even if he is a spiritual head of a math, to abide by the rule of law, said Prof Kumar, Kodalli Chandrashekar of Raitha Sangha and others.

Condemned

The Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha has condemned the arrest of Kanchi Shankaracharya and urged the Tamil Nadu government to take necessary steps to secure his release immediately.

The entire Brahmin community of the State and the Hindus are shocked. The arrest of 'Dharma Guru', without delving into the truth, has stirred the emotions of the Hindus of the Country", Mr BNV Subrahamanya, President of the Mahasabha, stated in a press release.

Vishwa Hindu Parishat members take out a protest march for the immediate release of Kanchi Kamakoti seer Jayendra Saraswathi, in Gulbarga on Saturday.

VHP demands seer's release

GULBARGA, DHNS: "The members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP) took out a protest march in the City on Saturday demanding the release of Kanchi Kamakoti pontiff Jayendrasaraswathi, arrested in connection with the murder of the math's manager.

The protest was led by VHP North Karnataka President Basavaraj Appa, Regional President Malikarjun Avdani and others.

Moreover, the VHP members who are on an indefinite dharna in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office demanding the release of Bajrang Dal South India President Prabod Mutalik, also joined the protest.

The procession, which started from the mini Vidhana Soudha premises, went through the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Chowk and culminated at the DC's office. They later submitted a memorandum to the DC, addressed to the President of India. This protest was a part of the countrywide agitations called by the VHP on November 13 and 14 in protest against the Shankaracharya's arrest.

Describing the arrest of the seer as an extreme measure the protesters demanded that the Tamil Nadu government immediately release the Swamiji respecting the sentiments of millions of Hindus in the country. Condemning the arrest, they stated that it was absolutely uncalled for.

They said, they were shocked and anguished at the arrest of the Shankaracharya that too on a murder charge.

They said, the Tamil Nadu government, through the arrest, had attempted to defame the math and the Shankaracharya to appease certain quarters in the country and abroad.

Singhal visit

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) International Working President Ashok Singhal on Saturday made a brief halt at Bangalore airport enroute to Puttaparthi. DHNS adds from Bangalore.

According to a senior VHP activist, Mr Singhal, who is on a two-day [illegible] Puttaparthi [illegible] arrived at [illegible]

The [illegible] from meeting [illegible] would visit [illegible] vember 15 [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Vishwa [illegible] Mr Bharati Madhu [illegible] dala has condemned [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Hindu community feels let down by the incident.

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Further, he said that law may be enforced but "not at the cost of the sensitivity and sensibility of the people.

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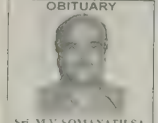

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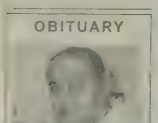

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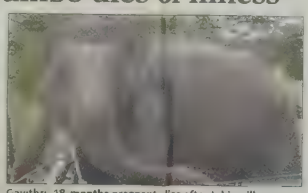
Veer-Zaara to hit the screen?

BANGALORE, DHNS: There is speculation that Sharukh Khan starrer Veer-Zaara may be released in Bangalore on Sunday. The movie will be released defying the three-week moratorium on non Kannada films.

There is rumour that one of the theatres in the City may release Veer-Zaara. If this happens one can expect trouble. We will surely take action but the exact move is not known, said a source in the film industry. Karnataka Film Exhibitors Federation President R R Odugoudar said that he is not aware of such a development.

Pregnant jumbo dies of illness

CHAMARAJANAGAR, DHNS: Gayithri, a pregnant elephant, which took part in Dasara celebrations till two years ago died on Friday afternoon. The 42 -year old elephant, under the forest department supervision at K Gudi forest area, was ill for the past two weeks. The treatment given to the elephant, who fell ill as the day of delivery approached, did not help. The grieving mahout Ramu recalled that Gayithri had accompanied Drona, who had carried the golden howdah at the Mysore Dasara, several times. The foetus was still born. Though Deputy Conservator of Forests B K Dikshit and Dr Nagaraju treated the elephant under the guidance of veterinary specialists Dr Khadri and Dr Gopal Rao, it was of no use.



Gayithri, 18-months pregnant, dies after taking ill.

Gayithri is a mother of four elephants. Veterinarian Dr Nagaraju conducted the post mortem.

The last rites were performed later.

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AT A GLANCE

Expansion blues irks Poojary

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president B Janardhana Poojary on Saturday expressed concern over the delay in expanding the ministry of Congress-Janata Dal (S) coalition government in the state. Talking to media persons in Bangalore, he said that the expansion of the ministry should take place at the earliest. "I am worried about the delay," he added.

However, he made it clear that no one could dictate terms to the Congress party on who should be included or omitted while expanding the ministry. 'Only Party President Sonia Gandhi has the power to decide on who should become a minister from Congress," he said adding, "the Janata Dal (S) cannot dictate terms on the issue and similarly we too have no right to dictate terms to them."

Indebted farmer commits suicide

Unable to repay the loans he had taken, a farmer committed suicide in Guddenhalli of Arsikere taluk, reports DHNS. Gangadhar (40) had taken a loan of Rs 42,000 for improving his fields and house, it is said.

Due to the consecutive drought last three years and failure of rain this year, he was unable to repay the loans and so took this extreme step, police sources said. As the money lenders were pressing him to repay the loan with the interest, he consumed poison in one Vijayanna's farm house and ended his life, sources said. Gangadhar's brother Timmegowda informed the Gandasi police and PSI of the station, Ganesh visited the spot immediately and registered a case.

Two arrested for idol smuggling

Bagepalli police have arrested two persons in Chelur for transporting 800-year-old stolen Panchaloha idols, reports DHND from Chikballapur.

The arrested are Venkakaraman and Rajanna from Andhra Pradesh. Deputy Sub-inspector of Police B P Heraje said that the idols are valued at lakhs of rupees. The accused had stolen the idols three months ago from Chennakeshavaswamy temple in Kattibesanahalli village in Srinivaspur taluk. The idols are of Sridevi, Bhudevi and Chennakeshavaswamy. The accused were arrested in Chelur bus stand. The police said that the accused had planned to sell the idols in Madanapalli in Andhra Pradesh. Bagepalli Circle Inspector K A Keshav, Probationary Sub-Inspector Suresh Kumar, Mallappa, Krishnappa, Puttegowda, Yarappa, Venkataraman and Ananth participated in the operation to nab idol smugglers.

Plantation workers stir on Nov 17

The Employees and Staff Union of South India (ESUSI) has called upon staff and employees of coffee, tea and rubber plantations of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu to strike work on November 17 demanding wage agreement, DHNS reports from Hassan.

The Union used to enter into agreement with UPASI, the [illegible] owners of [illegible] refused to enter into an agreement from January 2002 as the industry was facing losses continuously. The industry has shown signs of revival between 2003 and 2004. However, UPASI is indifferent to the demand of wage agreement, according to the press release issued by ESUSI. The plantation staff workers should therefore stop work and participate in the strike, the release requested.

CM to tour Kolar, Belgaum

Chief Minister N Dharam Singh will tour Kolar and Belgaum districts on November 14. He will return to Bangalore the same day, according to a press release in Bangalore.

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Twilight of the patriot and singer

[illegible] Bengaluru

[illegible] life in penury. That is [illegible] K. Karimkhan. The Kingfishers award presented to him in Decem[illegible] Rs. 1 lakh, as a fixed deposit in his name. Dr Karimkhan, the last of the

Culture Scope

Gandhians surviving today, gets Rs. 1,300 a month as interest.

After he fell in his tiny room in Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, here recently, he suffered a femur-bone fracture in the left hip-joint and is recuperating at the Cambridge Nursing Home.

Dr. Karimkhan, who is the son of an army jawan in Afghanistan, who rebelled against the British at the age of 16, had sustained two bullet injuries and then migrated to India and settled at Sakleshpur in Hassan district. Though young [illegible] had to abandon his studies after his [illegible] first year in high school in Hassan, he read a number of books in several libraries. He was attracted to Gandhian philosophy and jumped into the freedom struggle in the early '30's.

During his campaign for the country's freedom in response to Gandhiji's call, he was jailed at least five times. He walked the length and breadth of karnataka enlisting support.

After freedom was won, he devoted his time [illegible] energy for the unification of Karnataka. He [illegible] for the inclusion of Bellary and Bidar [illegible] its into Karnataka, though the then Andhra Chief Minister Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy had vowed not to allow even an inch of those provinces to go to Karnataka. In the South, it was a fight for Kollegal and other regions which were in Tamil Nadu. That was till [illegible] Nehru.

Though Dr. Karimkhan was willing to join politics, he was disappointed to see the casteism and vulgar show of money and muscle taking over. Everyone started fighting like [illegible] cocks for the seats and his self-esteem did not allow him to take the plunge amidst such atmosphere. He was particularly aghast to see Congress leaders 'embracing' Muslim League leaders who had opposed the former during the freedom struggle.

Principled stand

As he took a principled stand, everyone ignored him. He did not even get his freedom-fighter's honorarium, because he did not meet a [illegible] deadline. [illegible] work, [illegible] ten about 200 songs but has hardly any cassettes of these songs. He also wrote a series of songs on Dharmasthala.

The flesh is weak, but the spirit is not. Dr. Karimkhan reminiscing his past at his hospital room in Bangalore.

laments. Mr. Gafarkhan, brother of Dr. Karimkhan, who is denied the facility. The only means of survival for him has been the meagre earnings from his writings and the old-age pension of Rs. 500, out of which Rs. 200 goes towards room rent.

Dr. Karimkhan went over to numerous colleges and sang folk-songs. Of them, 'Javaraya Bandare Barigalli Baralilla....' continues to be popular. His folk songs had mass appeal when compared to classical music. Dr. Karimkhan says, At one point of time, he wrote lavanis (a folk-form) on Kittur Chennamma and sang them.

Having acquired mastery over Sanskrit, thanks to his guru Narayana Shastri, he translated the play 'Malati-Madhava' of Bhavabhuti into Kannada. He also translated 'Laila Majnu' into Kannada. His other works include, 'Baldauri Hussain', 'Neerava' and 'Neehara,' collections of stories (latter on communal harmony) and plays such as 'Magadi Kempe Gowda,' 'Bangalore Kempe Gowda,' 'Nirdoshi' and 'Madhu Mohan.'

Interestingly, D. R. Naidu of Shyamaprasad Movies (producer of 'Kanakadasa'), took Dr. Karimkhan to Madras to write stories for his films. During his 10-year stay he wrote stories, dialogues and songs for films such as, 'Jeevana Tarangu,' 'Chandrakumara,' 'Bevu Bella,' 'Deva Manava,' and 'Dombara Krishna,' among others. 'Swarna Gouri,' for which he wrote the story and all the songs, won the best film award. The song, 'Natavara Gangadhara....' is on the lips of most Kannadigas even today. He has written about 200 songs but has hardly any cassettes of these songs. He also wrote a series of

Four Ministers meet Hegde

From Our Special Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

At least 4 Ministers are stated to have met the Navanirmana Vedike leader, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde, today on his 70th birthday. It assumes significance in the wake of 6 Janata Dal MLCs joining the Vedike.

Supporters and admirers of Mr. Hegde tonight hosted a dinner to celebrate the birthday. A few Ministers and Janata Dal members among others were said to have attended it.

IT returns counter timing extended

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (II) Bangalore, has announced that the IT returns counter will remain open till 7 p.m. on Friday as August 31 is a holiday.

Auto drivers express concern

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Autorickshaw Drivers' Union has expressed concern about reports of attacks on autorickshaw drivers in Bangalore. It has urged the Government to take preventive measures.

Town Hall-Sirsi Circle flyover in 30 months

From Our Staff Reporter

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Bangalore City Corporation (BCC) Commissioner, Mr. B. Parthasarathy, said on Thursday that preliminary work on the flyover from Town Hall to Sirsi Circle had begun and the flyover was expected to be constructed in 30 months.

Speaking at a function organised by CIVIC, a citizens' group here, he said the project would cost a whopping Rs. 94 crores. The BCC would bear one-third of the cost and the rest required would be got as loans from HUDCO and the Karnataka Infrastructural Development Corporation limited. HUDCO had recently granted the loan. The loans would be repaid with interest by the BCC.

Mr. Parthasarathy said the BCC had given an undertaking to the State Government that it would divert the annual octroi grant of Rs. 30 crores to the project. Reiterating the need for constructing a flyover in the busy Town Hall-Sirsi Circle corridor, he said it would be needed in view of the proposed eight-lane expressway connecting Bangalore to Mysore. A bypass was proposed between Sirsi Circle and Karnataka Vidyut Karkhane (KAVIKA) on Mysore Road to ease traffic congestion, he added.

The flyover will be 2.5 km long and 16 metres wide. It will have four lanes of 3.75 metre each. There will be 'access ramps' at either ends of the flyover — an exit ramp at Brigaud Square on Mysore Road for the Royan Circle and Chamarajpet and another ramp for access to the railway station and Subhashnagar area.

Admitting that there would be traffic bottlenecks, he said discussions had been held with the police on how to divert the traffic and facilitate the work. A coordination committee had been set up to sort out the differences arising between agencies such as the KEB, BWSSB, Telephones and others concerned, to ensure that work was not affected. Mr. Parthasarathy said.

He said there was a nine per cent increase in the number of vehicles every year. Out of the 17 lakh vehicles in the State, more than half were in Bangalore. The rest touched the City at least on a couple of occasions every year. He sought the cooperation of the people during the period of construction of the flyover.

BJP, FKCCI urge Govt. to withdraw water rate hike

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The BJP has criticised the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSSB) for its decision to increase the water rates with effect from July 1.

In a statement, the party's MLA, Mr. Suresh Kumar, said the water rates per kilolitre for consumption up to 25,000 litres had been increased by 100 per cent. "The BWSSB has failed to provide regular water supply to the people. The decision to increase water rates is unwise," he said. The move to increase the power tariff was opposed by the Opposition in the Assembly and the Government should reconsider the decision to hike water rates, he added.

Mr. Suresh Kumar alleged that there was misappropriation of funds while computers were being installed for the Board. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) had been asked to submit a report on installing computers and it had submitted its report free of cost. However, the Board asked a private computer firm to submit a report and paid it Rs. 17.50 lakhs for the work. The reports submitted by the NIC and the private firms were similar, and this gave room for suspicion.

The MLA said though the Board had been saying that there was no money for improving the water supply system, it had created several senior posts to promote certain officials.

He alleged that one post of Chief Engineer, three posts of Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineers were created. Steps were being taken to provide separate offices to these officials, and this would cost the Exchequer Rs. 4 crores, he said.

Though the BWSSB was a much smaller organisation compared with the Bangalore City Corporation, it had more Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers than the Corporation.

Mr. Ramachandra Gowda, BJP MLC, criticised the BWSSB decision. He said the announcement was made a day after the Legislative Assembly session, and this showed that the Board had no regard for the Legislature.

Mr. K. M. Srinivasa Murthy, President of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), also opposed the increase in water tariff. He said that the increase ranged from 13 per cent to 92 per cent.

Coming close on the heels of the increase in the power tariff and the prices of petroleum products, this will have an inflationary impact. The present situation is due to the failure of the Government departments to economise costs and reduce the expenditure both on capital and revenue account," he said in a statement.

The Karnataka Peace Foundation also urged the Government to withdraw the hike in water rates. It said it would launch an agitation if the Government failed to do so.

Derive inspiration from Vietnam, students told

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

Mr. Nittoor Srinivasa Rao, former Chief Justice of Mysore High Court, today hoped that the students would derive inspiration from Vietnamese students, who had fought against the U.S. in defence of their nation's sovereignty.

Inaugurating an open session of the third State-level conference of the All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) here, he said students took part in the past in several movements against injustice.

Mr Prathap Samal, AIDSO President, Mr. K Radhakrishna, Secretary, and Dr. B. R. Manjunath, President of the AIDSO State unit, M. Banu Mushtaq, writer, spoke. Ms K Uma, AIDSO State unit Secretary, presided.

PSI ties up with Danish firm

BANGALORE, Aug.

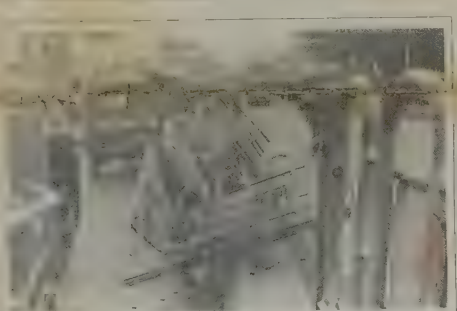
PSI Data Systems has signed a contract with Lanng and Stelman of Denmark for developing a software product, 'SEADra.'

The software is likely to be released by September end. It has been developed using object oriented methodologies with C++.

Train timings revised

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Southern Railway has revised the timings of Mysore-Bangalore Passenger train (2259) effective September 2. It will leave Mysore at 8-45 a.m. and reach Bangalore at 11-5 a.m.



BARRIERS BROKEN: The road divider on the main road in front of the K. R. Market has collapsed. The protruding grills pose a threat to road users. — Picture by T. L. [illegible]

Villagers cut 200 valuable trees

From Our Correspondent

[illegible] Sirsi, Aug. 29.

[illegible] area of Honnavar taluk in Uttara Kannada district were cut down indiscriminately by the villagers on the pretext that they provided obstruction to the electric line leading to their villages.

It is reported that nearly 150 people from Alalli, Adikeballi, Sampolli, Mundke, Margoli and Hadikal villages resorted to this act on the ground that the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) failed to set right the erratic supply to the villages despite repeated requests. The Forest officials booked a case against those villagers and recovered the tree logs worth Rs. 4 lakhs.

The villagers were said to have pleaded that the trees were not cut for smuggling the wood.

The Forest officials admitted that the incident would not have occurred if they were more vigilant.

Mr. G. Satish, Divisional Conservator of Forests, Honnavar forest division, said stern action would be taken. Even forest staff would not be spared if found guilty.

Put off CET counselling by two weeks, says HC

From Legal Our Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

[illegible] today directed the postponement of the counselling and the admission process by the CET by two weeks.

The order was made in a public interest writ petition filed in the High Court in which an allegation was made that professional institutions were making admissions in excess of the quota allotted to them.

The Court had earlier directed the Registrar (Vigilance) to conduct an enquiry regarding this and submit a report, in compliance with the order of the Court, the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, filed a preliminary statement of objections and submitted that if the counselling which was to commence on Friday, was postponed it would cause inconvenience to candidates who might have reached Bangalore for [illegible] counselling by [illegible] further, pleaded that fixing other dates for counselling might lead to further expenses. It was submitted that counselling for MBBS/BDS courses for Karnataka students' had been fixed between August 30 and September 21 and for engineering students between September 5 and September 16. For non-Karnataka students the schedule was between September 27 and October 26.

After arguments, the Judge observed that the Government, by its letter of May 23, 1996, had communicated that at least 10 dental colleges were yet to be granted approval or permission. It was also advised in the communication that students seeking admission to these colleges should be warned that their admissions would be subject to sanction.

The [illegible] counselling process could not be completed by allowing admissions in some colleges and postponing the same in other colleges till the enquiry ordered by the Court was completed. In the circumstances, the Court directed postponement of counselling by two weeks.

Bangalore	
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FORECAST: (Valid until Saturday morning) Generally cloudy with one or two spells of [illegible] rain.

Belgaum lawyers' strike continues

From Our Staff Correspondent

BELGAUM, Aug. 29

[illegible] lawyer strike launched by the local [illegible] on demanding the setting up of a [illegible] Bench in Belgaum entered the 10th [illegible]

[illegible] junior lawyers participated in the strike [illegible] long them were the Association vice-[illegible] Mr Dhanaraj Gavali, and former Minister [illegible] Om Prakash Rangali. Mr. Rangali is a former [illegible] of the Bar Association.

Mr. R [illegible] jinagi, Minister for Revenue and Distr[illegible]ter visited the venue.

Mr. A. Ramdas BJP MLA from Krishnaraj constituency and president, BJP Yuva Morcha, and Mr. Rajendra Gokhale, Morcha's national secretary, also met the lawyers. They are reported to have expressed support.

Water levels

BANGALORE, Aug. 29

The following is the water levels in major reservoirs of the State on Thursday.

[illegible] Level: 1,791.20 ft. inflow [illegible]

[illegible] Hemavathy: inflow: 7,477 cusecs [illegible]

[illegible] 585.89 m inflow: 3,773 cusecs [illegible] level: 457.80 m. inflow: 188 cusecs [illegible]

Patel seeks early allotment of iron ore lease

From Our Special Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Chief Minister, Mr. J. H. Patel, met Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya, Union Minister of State for Steel and Mines, today in Delhi and urged him for early allotment of iron ore leases for steel plants coming up in the Bellary-Hospet zone.

He held discussions on gold prospects in the State and demanded framing of policy guidelines on the same by the Union Government, according to a press release here today.

The Chief Minister stressed that the Centre should take over complete rights of the State's share in the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited.

The Chief Minister lauded the Finance Minister, Mr P Chidambaram, for starting an Infrastructure Development Finance Company with a share capital of Rs. 5,000 crores. He appealed to Mr Chidambaram to make Bangalore its headquarters. He sought sanction of short-term loans from financial institutions for starting cooperative sugar units. The Finance Minister assured the Chief Minister that he would give instructions to financial institutions.

Mr. Patel thanked the Finance Minister for [illegible] commending assistance from Asian Development Bank for Urban Development Programme in the coastal districts of the State. Mr. Chidambaram appreciated the Government's efforts in the field of urban infrastructure development.

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Rotary Bangalore Rajamahal Vilas: Mr. I. S. Gulhati speaks on "World of flavours and fragrances." 5, 10th Cross, RMV Extension, 7 p.m.

Association of Physicians of India: Discussion on "interesting cases," IMA Auditorium, IMA House, Alur Venkata Rao Road, 7-30 p.m.

National Institute of Advanced Studies: Veena by Mr. D. Balakrishna, Indian Institute of Science, Malleswaram, 7 p.m.

ENGAGEMENTS

Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana: Sri Ananda [illegible] Sri 1008 Sri Banasankari Main Road [illegible] 7 a.m. Sri Raghavendra Seva [illegible] Kempert Satellite Town, 7-30 a.m. [illegible] Sri Sita Kalyana Samiti Ponnampatna [illegible] Purandaradasa Aradhane, 9 a.m. Sri [illegible] Ashrama 42th 7th Main Road [illegible] Stage, near Vivekananda College [illegible]

Paramartha Vichara Sangha: Vaishkarmya [illegible] Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma, Adhyatma [illegible] Chinmaya Mission, 7.45 a.m.

Shwanna Prakasha Karyalaya: Discourse on [illegible] Subraya by Sri K. G. Subraya Sharma [illegible] Block, 7.30 p.m. Jayanagar, 9 a.m.

Bangalore Mathr, Dwaka Chidamanti, by [illegible] K. G. Subraya Sharma, Bull Temple Road, 5-[illegible] p.m.

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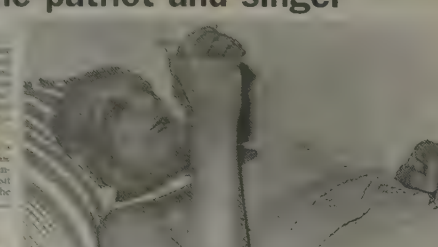

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Current Scene

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Dr Karimkhan, 96, is the son of an army [illegible] rebelled against the British at the age of 16, had sustained two bullet injuries and then migrated to India and settled in Sakleshpur in Hassan district. Though young [illegible] had to abandon his studies after his first year in high school in Hassan, he read a [illegible] ber of books in several libraries. He was attracted to Gandhian philosophy and jumped into the freedom struggle in the early '30's.

During his campaign for the country's freedom in response to Gandhiji's call, he was jailed at least five times. He walked the length and breadth of Karnataka enlisting support.

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Interestingly, D. R. Naidu of Shyamaprasad Movies (producer of 'Kanakadasa'), took Dr. Karimkhan to Madras to write stories for his films. During his 10-year stay he wrote stories, dialogues and songs for films such as 'Jeevana Taranga,' 'Chandrakumara,' 'Bevu Bella,' 'Deva Manava,' and 'Tombara Krishna,' among others. 'Swarna Gouri,' for which he wrote the story and all the songs, won the best film award [illegible] the song, 'Natavara Gangadhara....' is on the lips of most Kannadigas even today. He has written about 200 songs but has hardly any cassettes of these songs. He also wrote a series of songs on Dharmasthala.

As president of Janapada Academy for three years, his major work was video-filming of [illegible] lifestyles of about 20 tribes across the State. He published a number of Kannada works during his tenure. He filmed the Yakshaganas of both Badagutittu and Tenkunattittu styles. Mudalapaya (another form of Yakshagana in Mysore district) on 'Karibhunta' (which has unparalleled theme, according to Dr. Karimkhan), has also been filmed. He worked for the unity of Hindus and Muslims. 'You cannot expect anything from these leaders,' he says of modern-day netas, whom he describes as 'cruel'. 'They are letting the people down in every way.' The fruits of freedom struggle are not being reached to the poor, he feels.

Dr. Karimkhan has been awarded honorary doctorate by the Rajiv Gandhi University in recognition of his overall contributions.

Though he lived in penury all his life, he never sought anybody's help. He stays in a small room, inspite of his brother having a house in the city. According to his brother, once, the late Masti Venkatesh Iyengar came to his (Dr. Karimkhan's) room and offered to give all his wealth to him. Dr. Khan being what he is, declined the offer.

The Government has given him Rs. 25,000 for his medical expenses though he has spent almost double that sum, according to Mr. Gafarkhan.

Dr. Karimkhan, even now speaks with clarity though vision in the right eye has weakened. He has remained a bachelor. Ask him why, 'I had no time for marriage,' he says. 'Indeed,' says his brother

Four Ministers meet Hegde

From Our Special Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

At least 4 Ministers are stated to have met the Samavirmana Vedike leader, Mr. Ramakrishnu Hegde, today on his 70th birthday. It assumes significance in the wake of 6 Janata Dal MLCs leaving the Vedike.

Supporters and admirers of Mr. Hegde tonight hosted a dinner to celebrate the birthday. A few Ministers and Janata Dal members among others were said to have attended it.

IT returns counter timing extended

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (IT), Bangalore, has announced that the IT returns counter will remain open till 7 p.m. on Friday as August 31 is a holiday.

Auto drivers express concern

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Autorickshaw Drivers' Union has expressed concern about reports of attacks on autorickshaw drivers in Bangalore. It has urged the Government to take preventive measures.

Town Hall-Sirsi Circle flyover in 30 months

From Our Staff Reporter

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Bangalore City Corporation (BCC) Commissioner, Mr. B. Parthasarathy, said on Thursday that preliminary work on the flyover from Town Hall to Sirsi Circle had begun and the flyover was expected to be constructed in 30 months.

Speaking at a function organised by CIVIC, a citizens' group here, he said the project would cost a whopping Rs. 94 crores. The BCC would bear one-third of the cost and the rest required would be got as loans from HUDCO and the Karnataka Infrastructural Development Corporation Limited. HUDCO had recently granted the loan. The loans would be repaid with interest by the BCC.

Mr. Parthasarathy said the BCC had given an undertaking to the State Government that it would divert the annual octroi grant of Rs. 30 crores to the project. Reiterating the need for constructing a flyover in the busy Town Hall-Sirsi Circle corridor, he said it would be needed in view of the proposed eight-lane expressway connecting Bangalore to Mysore. A bypass was proposed between Sirsi Circle and Karnataka Vidyut Karkhane (KAVIKA) on Mysore Road to ease traffic congestion, he added.

The flyover will be 2.5 km long and 16 metres wide. It will have four lanes of 3.75 metre each. There will be 'access ramps' at either ends of the flyover — an exit ramp at Brigand Square on Mysore Road for the Royan Circle and Chamarajpet and another ramp for access to the railway station and Subhashnagar area.

Admitting that there would be traffic bottlenecks, he said discussions had been held with the police on how to divert the traffic and facilitate the work. A coordination committee had been set up to sort out the differences arising between agencies such as the KEB, BWSSB, Telephones and others concerned, to ensure that work was not affected, Mr. Parthasarathy said.

He said there was a nine per cent increase in the number of vehicles every year. Out of the 17 lakh vehicles in the State, more than half were in Bangalore. The rest touched the City at least on a couple of occasions every year. He sought the cooperation of the people during the period of construction of the flyover

BJP, FKCCI urge Govt. to withdraw water rate hike

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The BJP has criticised the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSS) for its decision to increase the water rates with effect from July 1.

In a statement, the party's MLA, Mr. Suresh Kumar, said the water rates per kilolitre for consumption up to 25,000 litres had been increased by 100 per cent. "The BWSSB has failed to provide regular water supply to the people. The decision to increase water rates is unwise," he said. The move to increase the power tariff was opposed by the Opposition in the Assembly and the Government should reconsider the decision to hike water rates, he added.

Mr. Suresh Kumar alleged that there was misappropriation of funds while computers were being installed for the Board. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) had been asked to submit a report on installing computers and it had submitted its report free of cost. However, the Board asked a private computer firm to submit a report and paid it Rs. 17.50 lakhs for the work. The reports submitted by the NIC and the private firms were similar, and this gave room for suspicion.

The MLA said though the Board had been saying that there was no money for improving the water supply system, it had created several senior posts to promote certain officials.

He alleged that one post of Chief Engineer, three posts of Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineers were created. Steps were being taken to provide separate offices to these officials, and this would cost the Exchequer Rs. 4 crores, he said.

Though the BWSSB was a much smaller organisation compared with the Bangalore City Corporation, it had more Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers than the Corporation.

Mr. Ramachandra Gowda, BJP MLC, criticised the BWSSB decision. He said the announcement was made a day after the Legislative Assembly session, and this showed that the Board had no regard for the Legislature.

Mr. K. M. Srinivasa Murthy, President of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), also opposed the increase in water tariff. He said that the increase ranged from 33 per cent to 92 per cent.

"Coming close on the heels of the increase in the power tariff and the prices of petroleum products, this will have an inflationary impact. The present situation is due to the failure of the Government departments to economise costs and reduce the expenditure both on capital and revenue account," he said in a statement.

The Karnataka Peace Foundation also urged the Government to withdraw the hike in water rates. It said it would launch an agitation if the Government failed to do so.

Derive inspiration from Vietnam, students told

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

Mr. Nittoor Srinivasa Rao, former Chief Justice of Mysore High Court, today hoped that the students would derive inspiration from Vietnamese students, who had fought against the U.S. in defence of their nation's sovereignty.

Inaugurating an open session of the third State-level conference of the All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) here, he said students took part in the past in several movements against injustice.

Mr. Prathap Samal, AIDSO President, Mr. K. Radhakrishna, Secretary, and Dr. B. R. Manjunath, President of the AIDSO State unit, Mr. Banu Mustaq, writer, spoke. Ms. K. Uma, AIDSO State unit Secretary, presided.

PSI ties up with Danish firm

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

PSI Data Systems has signed a contract with Laning and Steilman of Denmark for developing software product "SEAdraw."

The software is likely to be released by September end. It has been oriented methodologies with [illegible]

Train timings revised

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Southern Railway has revised the timing of Mysore-Bangalore Passenger train [illegible] effective September 2. It will leave Mysore at 8.45 a.m. and reach Bangalore at 11.[illegible] a.m.

BARRIERS BROKEN: The road divider on the main road in front of the K. R. Market has collapsed. The protruding grills pose a threat to road users. — Picture by T. L. [illegible]

Villagers cut 200 valuable trees

From Our Correspondent

KARWAR, Aug. 29.

A total of about 200 trees in the Sirsi area of Honnavar taluk in Uttara Kannada district were cut down indiscriminately by the villagers on the pretext that they provided obstruction to the electric line leading to their villages.

It is reported that nearly 150 people from Alalli, Adikeballi, Sampolli, Mundke, Margoli and Hadikal villages resorted to this act on the ground that the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) failed to set right the erratic supply to these villages despite repeated requests. The Forest officials booked a case against those villagers and recovered the tree logs worth Rs. 4 lakhs.

The villagers were said to have pleaded that the trees were not cut for smuggling the wood.

The Forest officials admitted that the incident would not have occurred if they were more vigilant.

Mr. G. Satish, Divisional Conservator of Forests, Honnavar forest division, said stern action would be taken. Even forest staff would not be spared if found guilty.

Put off CET counselling by two weeks, says HC

From Legal Our Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

A Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court today directed the postponement of the counselling and the admission process by the CET by two weeks.

The order was made in a public interest writ petition filed in the High Court in which an allegation was made that professional institutions were making admissions in excess of the quota allotted to them.

The Court had earlier directed the Registrar (Vigilance) to conduct an enquiry regarding this and submit a report. In compliance with the order of the Court, the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, filed a preliminary statement of objections and submitted that if the counselling, which was to commence on Friday, was postponed it would cause inconvenience to candidates who might have reached Bangalore for participating in the counselling. It was also pleaded that fixing other dates in counselling might lead to further expenses. It was submitted that counselling for MBBS/BDS courses "for Karnataka students" had been fixed between August 30 and September 21 and for engineering students between September 5 and September 16. For non-Karnataka students the schedule was between September 27 and October 26.

After arguments, the Judge observed that the Government, by its letter of May 23, 1996, had communicated that at least 10 dental colleges were yet to be granted approval or permission. It was also advised in the communication that students seeking admission to these colleges should be warned that their admissions would be subject to sanction.

The Judge observed that the counselling process could not be completed by allowing admissions in some colleges and postponing the same in other colleges till the enquiry ordered by the Court was completed. In the circumstances, the Court directed postponement of counselling by two weeks.

Bangalore Weather	
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FORECAST: Valid until Saturday morning. Generally cloudy with one or two spells of light rain.

Backward class people urged to unite

KOLAR, Aug. 29

Mr. V. R. Sudarshan, MLC, has urged the backward communities to unite and fight for their rights. Speaking at a function to celebrate the birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs here recently, he said Devaraj Urs had worked for the betterment of backward class people.

Mr. H. D. Revanna, former Minister, spoke. Mr. B. K. Ravi, president of the State unit of the Kanaka Yuva Sene, alleged that the Government had been adopting a 'negative' policy towards the backward sections. Mr. K. B. Srinivasamurthy of the Sene welcomed the gathering. Mr. Narayanaswamy proposed a vote of thanks.

IN BRIEF

AIR programme: All India Radio (AIR), Bangalore, will broadcast 'Zenkara', a programme of lessons in singing, at 6-20 p.m. on September 4. Poems by Mr. Vijayanarasimha on Lord Krishna, set to music by Ms. P. Srinivas, would be included in the programme.

Yoga camp: A 15-day yoga therapy treatment camp for persons suffering from nasal allergy, asthma, diabetes, hypertension and obesity would be held at the Vivekananda Research Foundation, 19, Gavipuram Circle (phone 6612669). The camp will begin on September 2.

Office-bearers: The following are office-bearers of the KEONICS Employees' Association: Mr. G. R. Shivashankar (president), Mr. R. Krishna Murthy and Mr. Nanja Mari (vice-presidents), Mr. Jingaiah (general secretary), Mr. M. Thope Gowda (organising secretary), Mr. B. N. Gopalakrishna and Mr. K. V. Mune Gowda (joint secretaries), Mr. N. Virupakshayya (assistant secretary) and Mr. M. S. Subramanya (treasurer).

Belgaum lawyers' strike continues

From Our Staff Correspondent

BELGAUM, Aug. 29

The agitation launched by the local [illegible] standing the setting up of a [illegible] ium entered the 10th [illegible]

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BJP MLA from Krishnaraj [illegible] and Mr. Ravendra Gokhale, Morcha's national secretary, also met the lawyers. They are reported to have expressed support.

Water levels

BANGALORE, Aug. 29

The following are the water levels in major reservoirs of the State on Thursday:

[illegible] Level 1,791.20 ft, inflow: [illegible] cusecs.

Supa: Level 535.10 metres, inflow 7,477 cusecs.

Mani: Level [illegible] 3,773 cusecs.

Thattihalli: Level [illegible] 40 m, inflow 188 cusecs.

Patel seeks early allotment of iron ore lease

From Our Special Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29

The Chief Minister, Mr. J. H. Patel, met Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya, Union Minister of State for Steel and Mines, today in Delhi and urged him for early allotment of iron ore leases for steel plants coming up in the Bellary-Hospet zone.

He held discussions on gold prospects in the State and demanded framing of policy guidelines on the same by the Union Government, according to a press release here today.

The Chief Minister stressed that the Centre should take over complete rights of the State's share in the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited.

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From Govind Belgaumkar

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Culture Scope

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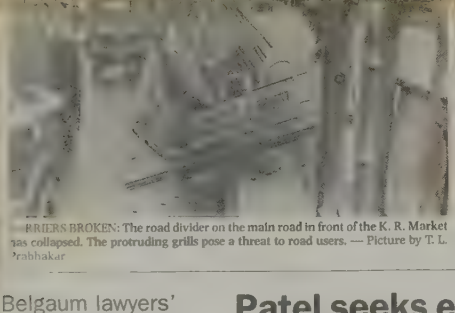

BRIERS BROKEN: The road divider on the main road in front of the K. R. Market has collapsed. The protruding grills pose a threat to road users. — Picture by T. L. Prabhakar.

AIRWAY ... area of Honnavar taluk in Uttara Kannada district were cut down indiscriminately by the villagers on the pretext that they provided obstruction to the electric line leading to their villages.

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The villagers were said to have pleaded that the trees were not cut for smuggling the wood.

The Forest officials admitted that the incident would not have occurred if they were more vigilant.

Mr. G. Satish, Divisional Conservator of Forests, Honnavar forest division, said stern action would be taken. Even forest staff would not be spared if found guilty.

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A Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court today directed the postponement of the counselling and the admission process by the CET by two weeks.

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The Court had earlier directed the Registrar (Vigilance) to conduct an enquiry regarding this and submit a report. In compliance with the order of the Court, the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, filed a preliminary statement of objections and submitted that if the counselling, which was to commence on Friday, was postponed it would cause inconvenience to candidates who might have reached Bangalore for ... counselling.

The Bench, however, observed that ... pleaded that fixing other dates for counselling might lead to further expenses. It was submitted that counselling for MBBS/BDS courses "for Karnataka students" had been fixed between August 30 and September 21 and for engineering students between September 5 and September 16. For non-Karnataka students the schedule was between September 27 and October 26.

After arguments, the Judge observed that the Government, by its letter of May 23, 1996, had communicated that at least 10 dental colleges were yet to be granted approval or permission. It was also advised in the communication that students seeking admission to these colleges should be warned that their admissions would be subject to sanction.

The Bench ... that the counselling process could not be completed by allowing admissions in some colleges and postponing the same in other colleges. ... the enquiry ordered by the Court was concluded in the circumstances, the Court directed ... postponement of counselling by two weeks.

Bangalore Weather	Temperature(°C) Max	Min	Rain (mm)
City	29.0	18.7	tr

FORECAST: (Valid until Saturday morning) Generally cloudy with one or two spells of rain.

Backward class people urged to unite

KOLAR, Aug. 29.

Mr. V. R. Sudarshan, MLC, has urged the backward communities to unite and fight for their rights. Speaking at a function to celebrate the birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs here recently, he said Devaraj Urs had worked for the betterment of backward class people.

Mr. H. D. Revanna, former Minister, spoke. Mr. B. K. Ravi, president of the State unit of the Kannaka Yuva Sene, alleged that the Government had been adopting a 'negative' policy towards the backward sections. Mr. K. B. Srinivasamurthy of the Sene welcomed the gathering. Mr. Narayanaswamy proposed a vote of thanks.

IN BRIEF

VR programme: All India Radio (AIR), Bangalore, will broadcast 'Zenkara' a programme of lessons in singing, at 6-20 p.m. on September 4. Poems by Mr. Vijayanarasimha on Lord Krishna, set to music by Mr. T. Srinivas, would be included in the programme.

Yoga camp: A 15-day yoga therapy treatment camp for persons suffering from nasal allergy, asthma, diabetes, hypertension and obesity would be held at the Vivekananda Research Foundation, 19 Gavipuram Circle (phone 6612669). The camp will begin on September 2.

Office-bearers: The following are office-bearers of the KEONICS Employees' Association: Mr. G. R. Shivashankar (president), Mr. R. Krishna Murthy and Mr. Sanna Mari (vice-presidents), Mr. Lingaiah (general secretary), Mr. M. Thope Gowda (organising secretary), Mr. B. N. Gopalakrishna and Mr. K. V. Mune Gowda (joint secretaries), Mr. N. Virupakshayya (assistant secretary) and Mr. M. S. Subramanya (treasurer).

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The Chief Minister, Mr. J. H. Patel, met Mr Birendra Prasad Baishya, Union Minister of State for Steel and Mines, today in Delhi and urged him for early allotment of iron ore leases for steel plants coming up in the Bellary-Hospet zone.

He held discussions on gold prospects in the State and demanded framing of policy guidelines on the same by the Union Government, according to a press release here today.

The Chief Minister stressed that the Centre should take over complete rights of the State's share in the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited.

The Chief Minister lauded the Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram, for starting an infrastructure Development Finance Company with a share capital of Rs. 5,000 crores. He appealed to Mr Chidambaram to make Bangalore its headquarters. He sought sanction of short-term loans from financial institutions for starting co-operative sugar units. The Finance Minister assured the Chief Minister that he would give instructions to financial institutions.

Mr Patel thanked the Finance Minister for recommending assistance from Asian Development Bank for Urban Development Programme in the coastal districts of the State. Mr. Chidambaram appreciated the Governmnet's efforts in the field of urban infrastructure development.

The Chief Minister met Mr. T. G. Venkatraman, Minister for Surface Transport and urged him to clear the pending projects of the State including national highway proposal from Srirangapatna to Bidar, Yelahanka bypass near Bangalore on National Highway 7, construction of bridges near Yelahanka on National Highway 7 and improvement on inter-State highway connecting Mysore and Satyamangala in Tamil Nadu.

In his meeting with Mr. Venugopalachari, Minister of State for Power, Mr. Patel demanded early clearance of State's power projects, especially the Cogentrix. Considering the power crisis in the State, the Union Minister said that he would make efforts to clear all the pending projects.

The Chief Minister highlighted the initiative taken by his Government to take up small power projects to provide immediate solution to the grim power situation.

Mr. Patel met Mr. Srikant Jena, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism and informed him about the potential for tourism development in the State.

ENGAGEMENTS

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Twilight of the patriot and singer

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He sacrificed everything — his energy, time and whatever money he could mobilise — and worked for the unification of Karnataka and folk-lore which he has served for the last seven decades. Soon after Independence, he campaigned vigorously for candidates of the then Congress and ensured the election of many a leader.

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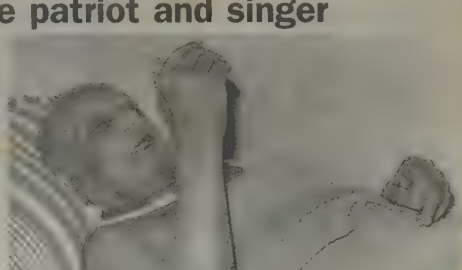

The flesh is weak, but the spirit is not. Dr. Karimkhan reminiscing his past at his hospital room in Bangalore.

Culture Scope

Gandhians surviving today, gets Rs. 1,300 a month as interest.

After he fell in his tiny room in Dwaraka Hotel on Bull Temple Road, here recently, he suffered a femur-bone fracture in the left hip-joint and is recuperating at the Cambridge Nursing Home.

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During his campaign for the country's freedom in response to Gandhiji's call, he was jailed at least five times. He walked the length and breadth of Karnataka enlisting support.

After freedom was won, he devoted his time and energy for the unification of Karnataka. He fought for the inclusion of Bellary and Bidar districts into Karnataka, though the then Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, had vowed not to allow even an inch of those provinces to go to Karnataka. In the South, it was a fight for Kollegal and other regions, which were in Tamil Nadu. That was till 1956.

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Principled stand

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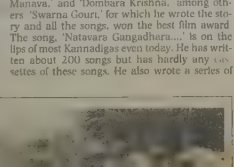

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BANGALORE, Aug 29

He sacrificed everything — his energy, time and whatever money he could mobilise — and for the unification of Karnataka and folklore which he has served for the last seven decades. Soon after Independence, he campaigned vigorously for candidates of the then Congress and ensured the election of many a leader.

But he spent most of his life in penury. That is the nonagenarian, Dr. S. K. Karimkhan. The Janapadasri award presented to him in December last earned him Rs 1 lakh, as a fixed deposit in his name. Dr Karimkhan, the last of the

The flesh is weak, but the spirit is not. Dr. Karimkhan reminiscing his past at his hospital room in Bangalore.

Culture Scope

...khan surviving today, gets Rs. 1 800 a month as interest.

... he fell in his tiny room in Dwaraka Hotel ... Temple Road, here recently, he suffered ...t-bone fracture in the left hip-joint and is ...perating at the Cambridge Nursing Home.

Dr. Karimkhan, 96, is the son of an army ...an, Afghanistan, who rebelled against the British at the age of 16, had sustained two bullet injuries and then migrated to India and settled ... Sakleshpur in Hassan district. Though young ...mkhan had to abandon his studies after his first year in high school in Hassan, he read a number of books in several libraries. He was ...tracted to Gandhian philosophy and jumped ...he freedom struggle in the early '30's.

During his campaign for the country's freedom in response to Gandhiji's call, he was jailed ...ive times. He walked the length and ... of Karnataka enlisting support ... freedom was won, he devoted his time ... or the unification of Karnataka. He ... ... leaders and Bidar ... into Karnataka, though the then Andhradesh Chief Minister, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, had vowed not to allow even an inch of those provinces to go to Karnataka. In the South, it was a fight for Kollegal and other regions which were in Tamil Nadu. That was till 1956.

Though Dr. Karimkhan was willing to join politics, he was disappointed to see the casteism and vulgar show of money and muscle power taking over. 'Everyone started fighting like race-horses for the seats and his self-esteem did not allow him to take the plunge amidst such atmosphere. He was particularly aghast to see ... leaders embracing Muslim League MPs, who had opposed the former during the freedom struggle.

Principled stand

As he took a principled stand, everyone ignored him. He did not even get his freedom-fighter's pension, because he did not meet a requirement, getting signatures of at least two persons who were with him in jail. 'The whole system is about his role in the struggle and the government wants him to get signatures.

laments, Mr. Gafarkhan, brother of Dr. Karimkhan, who is denied the facility. The only means of survival for him has been the meagre earnings from his writings and the old-age pension of Rs. 500 out of which Rs. 200 goes towards room rent.

Dr. Karimkhan went over to numerous colleges and sang folk-songs. Of them, 'Javaraya Bandare Bangaili Baralilla...' continues to be popular. His folk songs had mass appeal when compared to classical music. Dr. Karimkhan says. At one point of time, he wrote lavanis (a folk-form) on Kittur Chennamma and sang them.

Having acquired mastery over Sanskrit, thanks to his guru Naravana Shastri, he translated the play 'Malati-Madhava' of Bhavabhuti into Kannada. He also translated 'Laila Majnu' into Kannada. His other works include, 'Balidani Hussaini,' 'Neevara' and 'Neehara,' collections of stories (latter on communal harmony) and plays such as 'Magadi Kempe Gowda,' 'Bangalore Kempe Gowda,' 'Nirdoshi' and 'Madhu Mohan'.

Interestingly, D. R. Naidu of Shyamaprasad Movies (producer of 'Kanikadasi'), took Dr. Karimkhan to Madras to write stories for films. During his 10-year stay he wrote stories, dialogues and songs for films such as 'Jeevana Tarange,' 'Chandrakumara,' 'Bevu Bella,' 'Deva Manava,' and 'Dombaru Krishna,' among others. 'Swarna Gouri,' for which he wrote the story and all the songs, won the best film award. The song, 'Natavara Gangadhara...' is on the lips of most Kannadigas even today. He has written about 200 songs but has hardly any cassettes of these songs. He also wrote a series of songs on Dharmasthala.

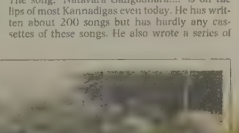
As president of Janapada Academy for three years, his major work was video-filming of the life-styles of about 20 tribes across the State. He published a number of Kannada works during his tenure. He filmed the Yakshaganas of both Badagutittu and Tenkanatittu styles. Mudalapaya (another form of Yakshagana in Mysore district) on 'Karibhanta' (which has unparalleled theme, according to Dr. Karimkhan), has also been filmed. He worked for the unity of Hindus and Muslims. 'You cannot expect anything from these leaders,' he says of modern-day 'netas,' whom he describes as 'cruel'. 'They are letting the people down in every way.' The fruits of freedom struggle are not being reached to the poor, he feels.

Dr. Karimkhan has been awarded honorary doctorate by the Gulbarga University in recognition of his overall contributions.

Though he lived in penury all his life, he never sought anybody's help. He stays in a small room, inspite of his brother having a house in the city. According to his brother, once, the late Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, came to his (Dr. Karimkhan's) room and offered to give all his wealth to him. Dr. Khan being what he is, declined the offer.

The Government has given him Rs. 25,000 for his medical expenses though he has spent almost double that sum, according to Mr. Gafarkhan.

Dr. Karimkhan, even now speaks with clarity though vision in the right eye has weakened. He has remained a bachelor. Ask him why. 'I had no time for marriage,' he says. 'Indeed,' says his brother.



Villagers cut 200 valuable trees

From Our Correspondent

Four Ministers meet Hegde

From Our Special Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug 29

At least 4 Ministers are stated to have met the Navanirmana Vedike leader, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde, today on his 70th birthday. It assumes significance in the wake of 6 Janata Dal MLCs joining the Vedike.

Supporters and admirers of Mr. Hegde tonight hosted a dinner to celebrate the birthday. A few Ministers and Janata Dal members among others were said to have attended it.

IT returns counter timing extended

BANGALORE, Aug 29

The Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (IT), Bangalore, has announced that the IT returns counter will remain open till 7 p.m. on Friday as August 31 is a holiday.

Auto drivers express concern

BANGALORE, Aug 29

The Autorickshaw Drivers' Union has expressed concern about reports of attacks on autorickshaw drivers in Bangalore. It has urged the Government to take preventive measures.

BJP, FKCCI urge Govt. to withdraw water rate hike

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The BJP has criticised the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSS) for its decision to increase the water rates with effect from July 1.

In a statement, the party's MLA, Mr. Suresh Kumar, said the rates per kilolitre for consumption up to 25,000 litres had been increased by 100 per cent. "The BWSSB has failed to provide regular water supply to the people. The decision to increase water rates is unwise," he said. The move to increase the power tariff was opposed by the Opposition in the Assembly and the Government should reconsider the decision to hike water rates, he added.

Mr. Suresh Kumar alleged that there was misappropriation of funds while computers were being installed for the Board. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) had been asked to submit a report on installing computers and it had submitted its report free of cost. However, the Board asked a private computer firm to submit a report and paid it Rs. 17.50 lakhs for the work. The reports submitted by the NIC and the private firms were similar, and this gave room for suspicion.

The MLA said though the Board had been saying that there was no money for improving the water supply system, it had created several senior posts to promote certain officials.

He alleged that one post of Chief Engineer, three posts of Superintending Engineer and 14 Executive Engineers were created. Steps were being taken to provide separate offices to these officials, and this would cost the Exchequer Rs 4 crores, he said.

Though the BWSSB was a much smaller organisation compared with the Bangalore City Corporation, it had more Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers than the Corporation.

Mr. Ramachandra Gowda, BJP MLC, criticised the BWSSB decision. He said the announcement was made a day after the Legislative Assembly session, and this showed that the Board had no regard for the Legislature.

Mr. K. M. Srinivasa Murthy, President of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), also opposed the increase in water tariff. He said that the increase ranged from 13 per cent to 92 per cent.

Coming close on the heels of the increase in the power tariff and the prices of petroleum products, this will have an inflationary impact. The present situation is due to the failure of the Government departments to economise cost and reduce the expenditure both on capital and revenue account," he said in a statement.

The Karnataka Peace Foundation also urged the Government to withdraw the hike in water rates. It said it would launch an agitation if the Government failed to do so.

Town Hall-Sirsi Circle flyover in 30 months

From Our Staff Reporter

BANGALORE, Aug 29

The Bangalore City Corporation (BCC) Commissioner, Mr. B. Parthasarathy, said on Thursday that preliminary work on the flyover from Town Hall to Sirsi Circle had begun and the flyover was expected to be constructed in 30 months.

Speaking at a function organised by CIVIC, a citizens' group here, he said the project would cost a whopping Rs. 94 crores. The BCC would bear one-third of the cost and the rest required would be got as loans from HUDCO and the Karnataka Infrastructural Development Corporation Limited. HUDCO had recently granted the loan. The loans would be repaid with interest by the BCC.

Mr. Parthasarathy said the BCC had given an undertaking to the State Government that it would divert the annual octroi grant of Rs. 40 crores to the project. Reiterating the need for constructing a flyover in the busy Town Hall-Sirsi Circle corridor, he said it would be needed in view of the proposed eight-lane expressway connecting Bangalore to Mysore. A bypass was proposed between Sirsi Circle and [illegible] by Dvut Karkhana (KAVIKA) on Mysore [illegible] east traffic congestion, he added.

The flyover will be 2.5 km long and 16 metres wide. It will have four lanes of 3.75 metre each. There will be access ramps at either end of the flyover — an exit ramp at Brigand Square on Mysore Road for the Rajaji Nagar and Chamarajapet bound another ramp for access to the railway station and Subhashnagar.

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Derive inspiration from Vietnam, students told

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Mr. Prathap Samal, AIDSO President, Mr. K. Radhakrishna, Secretary, and Dr. B. R. Manjunath, President of the AIDSO State unit, K. Rama Murthy, Vice-President, and K. K. Uma, AIDSO State unit Secretary, presided.

PSI ties up with Danish firm

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

PSI Data Systems [illegible] and Scandinavia Online [illegible] Norway, has signed a memorandum of understanding with SCANdraw.

The software is likely [illegible] to interface [illegible] oriented methodologies with C++.

Train timings revised

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

The Southern Railway has revised the timings of Mysore-Bangalore Passenger train (2229 up) effective September 2. It will leave Mysore at 8-05 a.m. and reach Bangalore at 11-5 a.m.

Put off CET counselling by two weeks, says HC

From Legal Our Correspondent

BANGALORE, Aug. 29.

[illegible] posed it would cause inconvenience to candidates who might have reached Bangalore for [illegible] participating in the counselling. It was further be warned that their admissions would be subject to sanction.

Shanthala'... an account of the legendary dancer.

From the folk-lore, 'Govina Hadu'... emphasising that truth always triumphs.

Laced with subtle humour

AN HOUR- LONG, full-length humorous programme, 'Hasyotsava', presented by a team of local artistes in Shimoga recently, under the sponsorship of Century Automobiles, came as a refreshingly new experiment.

What inspired the artistes to embark upon the off-beat cultural show couched in a "decent and dignified" humour with no personal references was the 'Hasyavadhana' held in Shimoga under the auspices of the Sriganagandha — an organisation devoted exclusively for cultural and literary events.

'Hasyavadhana', as the title suggests, was a cultural programme laced with subtle humour, displayed simultaneously in different forms. As the audience suggested their own topics, cartoonists Ramadhyani and James Vas drew caricatures of the same. Limericks were composed instantly on the same topic by Dundiraj and Gajanan Sharma. This was followed by the enactment of a skit based on the same topic, as suggested by the audience.

Greatly inspired by the encouraging response of this programme, the team of artistes prepared its own comedy skits, mostly based on day to- day experiences, as evidenced in different professions.

"But utmost care is being taken to see that the humour introduced in the skits is subtle and light-hearted, with no intention of hurting anybody. It can, at best, be termed a sincere attempt to accord respectability to humour in the cultural field," says Aachi Prakash, co- ordinator of the team which has been able to present more than 30 programmes so far.

The programmes have been named variyingly as 'Hasyotsava', 'Hasya Hasya' and have been staged not only in Shimoga but also in several neighbouring towns and cities, much to the admiration of the audiences.

Aachi says what seems to have won the appreciation for the team is the simplicity in the presentation of its skits. "There is no use of special costumes or stage designs. Artistes come on stage in a casual manner, in their ordinary dresses, to present the programme. That's why we have been able to present the programmes at no extra cost," he says.

The "like-minded" artistes, who participated in the 'Hasyotsava' programme apart from Aachi, were S R. Girish, Vijayalakshmi, Deepa, Pooja, Renukappa, Ramesh Jois, Mainasu and Veena.

• PRAMOD MELEGATTI

A scene from one of the plays staged at the "Hasyotsava"

A message from the past

DR C ANJANAPPA NAGARAJ has bid a [illegible] achievements in [illegible] this State.

A cow named Punyakoti is attacked by a tiger while returning home after grazing. But she promises that she will surely return to offer herself to the tiger as a meal, after feeding her calf.

The tiger, initially refutes her promise but ultimately, agrees to give the cow a chance to prove her honesty. Punyakoti, after visiting her calf, promptly returns to the tiger and offers herself to the tiger. The story has a touching scene in which the tiger sees its own calves playing with the cow. The cow's honesty, love and sincerity make the tiger to repent for its act of violence. Ultimately, the tiger ends its life by jumping from a mountain top.

Director of the drama, Prashant Hiremutt (who has also scored the background music) has dramatised the scene of Punyakoti embracing the tiger's calves. This scene makes the tiger realise that love is life. Shashanka as the tiger captured the rapt attention of the audience. Sahana as Punyakoti (cow) lived the character with her sublime acting. Rendering of the Surya Mantra, 'Adideva Namastubyam' in a folk tune was not a palatable innovation.

Refreshing narration

National award recipient G. V. Iyer had earlier presented the great Acharyas (Shankara Madhwa and Ramanuja) on the silver screen. He has now turned his camera to historic events on the small screen. Showcasing the life of the Hoysala queen Shantala is an attempt to explore the life of this legendary dancer. The story of 'Shantala', written by few novelists with their own research and creative conceptions, has different opinions about the life of Shanthala. The popular ones are by G. V. Iyer and C. K. Nagaraja Rao (which won the Jnanpith Award). Iyer has taken pains to refer to several original works before venturing into this mega-serial. Attired with rich, glamorous costumes, the characters looked bright on the celluloid. The dialogue suited the screenplay. The directorial skills were well adapted to the historical data.

Queen Shantala (wife of Vishnuvardhana, the most powerful king of the Hoysala dynasty), is a symbol of dance, originating from the Jain cult. The magnificent architecture of Belur Chennakeshava temple is a living monument of Shantala's rich contributions to Indian classical dance, as narrated in the Bharatha Shastra.

Iyer's imaginative art-deco, to bestow filmy glamour to the role of the Hoysala queen, contradicts the earlier dialogues of Shantala upholding the values of dance. The erotica and sensual appearance of the artistes, including Shantala, has rendered values for which Shantala lived and nurtured her art, meaningless. The dance numbers were amateurish compared to the syllabi of Bharathanatyam. Selected episodes were shown in the preview, leaving the rest for the audience.

Nevertheless, it is a unique opportunity for presenting art forms on the celluloid. But failure to recapitulate the 800 years' tradition and culture is quite disappointing.

• B. S. S. RAO

Comedy on a platter

HA[illegible]NAHADAGALI, taluk headquarters in Bellary, was recently agog with activities for nearly nine days. People from [illegible] and around Hadagali [illegible] cultural feast when more than staged during Chaitrotsava', which was held on the last day.

Each day of the festival witnessed a popular drama, staged by amateur troupes from different parts of the State. Felicitation to senior stage artistes, and rendering of ranga geetegalu preceded the play.

On the inaugural day, 'Hayavadana' was staged by Rangabharati Subhadramma Mansur, well-known professional stage artiste and vocalist rendered ranga-geetegalu.

Kala Madhyama of Gulbarga staged Hejjegalu', and ranga- geetegalu were rendered by the Rangabharati troupe. This was followed by Manteswamy Katha Prasanga' by Prayogaranga, Bangalore, and ranga-geetegalu by Basalingaiah and troupe from Dharwad. 'Neeru' by Samudaya, Bangalore, and ranga-geetegalu by Vijayakumar Ituri and troupe, Bangalore.

On the fifth day, two plays were staged — 'Gunamukha' and 'Avvannevva' — by Samudaya Raichur and Lalitakala Ranga Mariyammanahalli, while ranga geetegalu were rendered by Janardhan and troupe, Mysore.

'Chitrapata Ramayana' by Spandhana of Bangalore was staged on the sixth day, and ranga-geetegalu were by M. Narasimhamurthy and Prathiba Narayan of Bangalore. 'Taledanda' by Shivasanchar of Tanehalli and 'Rakshasa' by Kannada Kala Sangha, T. B. Dam Hospet, were preceded by ranga geetegalu by Sadashiv Patil and troupe from Koppal.

Surya Shikari' by Amar Kalasangha, Mysore, and ranga geetegalu by Shivanand Patil from Mumbai, marked the conclusion of the 'Ranga Chaitrotsava'.

The town wore a festive look when 66 of the 68 Nataka Academy awardees were taken out in a procession. Several women carrying a poorna kumbha kalasa', amidst beating of the traditional drums, led the procession.

On a glittering, decorative stage renowned stage personalities including B. V. Karanth, Chandrashekar Kambar, Hiranniah, along with K. C. Kondaiah, and Kolur Basavanagowda, (both MPs), and Bellary zilla parishad president Venkatrao Ghorpade were present. Prakash gave away the awards.

Curtains to the nine-day cultural festival were drawn with the staging of the popular play, 'Lanchavataar' by Hirannaiah and troupe.

From the play, 'Manteswamy Katha Prasanga'.

• M. AHIRAJ

Learning drama through ART

A DRAMATICS arts residential workshop, said to be the first of its kind, will be held today, at the Ecumenical Christian Centre, Whitefield. Organised by Artistes' Repertory Theatre (ART), the workshop aims to provide a unique experience for youngsters covering all aspects of theatre, including script writing. "This crash course comes as a response to an expressed need," says Jagdish Raja, founder of ART.

Established in 1982, ART has strived to keep the English theatre alive in the City. It has driven home the point that a good performer will [illegible] particular character and not to be seen by an audience.

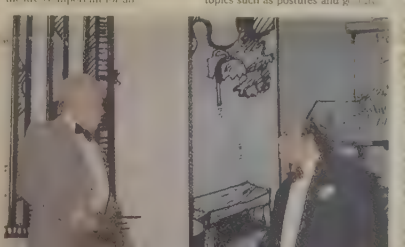
The current workshop is being organised to cater to the needs of the interested and economically self reliant people. Though most youngsters are drawn by the glamour of theatre, they look to other avenues, as theatre does not give them financial independence. "But where in the world is theatre completely professional? Many actors abroad take on a job as bartenders or work elsewhere to support themselves financially. However there are a few exceptions," explains Jagdish Raja.

Theatre gives an actor tremendous exhilaration when he performs in front of a live audience, and it is due to that feeling that people like Shabana and Naseer keep returning to stage, says Jagdish.

Jagdish and his wife Arundhati Raja took to theatre as a hobby. They chose to be involved with English theatre because they were "comfortable with the language and hence it is easy to emote." The duo is constantly trying out innovative methods to "go beyond just staging a play". They have been successful in adding an institutional status to ART, which was invited to perform at The Questors Theatre, London in 1998, and it is the local partner of South Asian Playwriting Residency, in association with the British Council and the Royal Court Theatre, London.

The husband-and-wife team organises such workshops as they feel the [illegible] important for an individual's overall development. "It helps him build an awareness of the self and it is better to initiate children at a young age to theatre as they learn the importance of team work," says Jagdish.

The residential workshop, which is open to those above 21 years, features a variety of games for improvisation, especially to sense the presence and action of another person. The workshop also covers topics such as postures and [illegible]



Jagdish Raja with a co-artiste in "Inherit the wind".

[illegible] PA SEBASTIAN & [illegible]

Going strong after a century

[illegible] one saw in him a man mellowed by age and vast experience. [illegible] philosophical thoughts laced each of his patient answers. With a striking [illegible] he said how intolerance and anger can poison a human personality. He said, Scientists say [illegible] anger and fear stimulate the secretion of venom in a snake's body and [illegible] pouches in the body, specially designed to store venom. In a metaphorical sense, a similar thing happens in the human body too. But [illegible] he has no pouches to store venom, it gets into his blood stream and affects the entire body and mind.

This month's "Maneyangaladalli Mathukathe" saw a particularly enthusiastic response. People came from as far as Bellary to attend the programme. The queue of those aspiring to ask questions was long. And often, people seemed more interested in their own questions, rather than in what Karim Khan had to say in response. But he seemed to have achieved the equanimity it requires to be indifferent to the self-indulgent ways of people.

Karim Khan's answers were simple and straight-forward. He broke into a song at the slightest provocation, struggling to negotiate complex phrases in his aged voice. When someone asked what has to be done to preserve folk culture, he said, "[illegible] will survive if people have the heart to allow its survival... if people have the heart to preserve things for prosperity."

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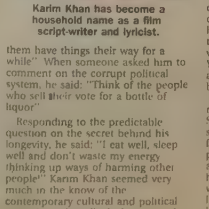

Karim Khan has become a household name as a film script-writer and lyricist.

them have things their way for a while." When someone asked him to comment on the corrupt political system, he said: "Think of the people who sell their vote for a bottle of liquor."

Responding to the predictable question on the secret behind his longevity, he said: "I eat well, sleep well and don't waste my energy thinking up ways of harming other people!" Karim Khan seemed very much in the know of the contemporary cultural and political scenario, as he talked of a range of things — from Ford Foundation grants for studies on folk culture to infighting among political factions in Afghanistan.

He brushed aside a question on his own religious background and his long association with Hindu devotional music, with a rhetorical question. "Didn't Rafi sing devotional songs?" He chose not to step into the landmine of the politic- of religion.

Interestingly, despite his long association with the folk idiom Karim Khan shows a great penchant for the use of Sanskrit phrases in many of his film lyrics. Most parts of a song such as "Natavara Gangadhara" would, in fact, be intelligible to be a non-Kannadiga for its generous use of Sanskrit.

His answers at "Maneyangaladalli Mathukathe" were also peppered with a number of Sanskrit phrases. He kept going back to Hindu epics such as the Ramayana, Mahabharata and Bhagavata in the course of the interaction.

Answering a 10-year-old boy's question on the memories of his childhood, Karim Khan spoke of how he had spent his childhood listening to "Sankeertane's at temples, and watching folk performances and Yakshaganas. He followed it up with a song on Lord Manjunatha, penned by himself.

Karim Khan spoke with great reverence to his mentor Narayana Shastri, a Sanskrit and Kannada scholar. He recalled how he stood in front of Narayana Shastri's funeral pyre, asking: "Are you carrying away all your knowledge with you?" When he came back home and began to write, he discovered within himself a lucidity he had never experienced before. He believes that all his achievements are his guru's 'Anugraha'. Karim Khan said, after a pause: "I know that nobody will believe this. Each man has his own faith!"

• BAGESHREE. S

Three roles donned with ease

Name of the company not mentioned — Carnatic Classical instrumental — V. I. Sudharsan — Price Rs. 40/-.

I CANNOT be denied that the present crop of artistes is talented in quite a few avenues. V. I. Sudharsan, the son of late violin vidwan V. L. Vedagiri, has equipped himself well and has created ripples in quite a few artistic areas. Sudharsan has recorded an audio cassette donning the triple roles of a viola player, Lalita veena exponent and vocalist. He is accompanied by S. Vijayendran (mridangam), N. Sundar (tabla), N. Guruprasad (ghatam) and A. S. Krishnan (morsing).

The popular varnam of Moolai Veetu Ranganayaki Pillai, "Chalamela" (Nattakurinji) played on the viola sets the tape rolling. The next song "Gananadena" in Saranga played on the Lalita veena with clean, firm bowing is adorned with a couple of avartanams of swaraprastharas.

Patnam Subramania Iyer's "Sadhana Michute" (Bilahari) on the violin with a brisk chittaiswaram has fluent instrumental expression.

Tyagaraja's Balahamsa kriti "Nandamu" on the viola and "Sukhamuddho" in Bindumalini by the same composer, on the violin, are sensitive interpretations considering the singular raktis of both the ragas. The swaras for the latter are faultless in terms of lakshana.

"Raghuvamsasudha" of Patnam Subramania Iyer, with its catchy chittaswaram, an instrumentalist's delight, is played with vivacity on the Lalita veena.

"Sakthi Sahita Ganapathim" of Dikshitar as a three in one effort and is quite refreshing. A tillana in Paidheep composed by the artiste himself speaks well of his creative ability. — S. P.

Kindling nostalgic memories

RADIO REVIEW

THE PROGRAMME of [illegible] Namasivayam (vocal), V. Sethuramiah (violin), Coimbatore N. Ramaswami (mridangam) and V. S. Krishnamurthy Rao (ghatam) was relayed on F.M. Channel II of AIR Chennai on May [illegible]. All these worthies have since crossed over, but they have left footprints in the sands of time for the rasikas of a previous generation to recall their art with nostalgic emotion.

A rare varnam of Koranadu Natesa Pillai in Kannada with a fluent, breezy rhythm set the agenda on course. "Jagadananda Karaka", one of Thyagaraja's Pancharatnams in Nattai ragam was a flawless rendering followed by an alapana of Dhanyasi that had all the hallmarks of a chaste Carnatic discipline. Sethuramaiah, like his preceptor Mysore Chowdiah, was always an enthusiastic exponent and his raga delineation had an infectious zeal. Muthuthandavar's composition, "Kaanaamal" in Misra chapu with the nerval having a touching grace, and the swaras in the two speeds rendered punctiliously were effective in capturing attention.

Suddhasaveri, the winsome pentatonic raga, was elaborated with care and focus on the pertinent prayogas. Tyagaraja's "Dharini Telusu Konti" with its vibrant, foot-tapping sangatis in the Pallavi was a blue chip interpretation. Due credit must be given to the percussionists whose percentage anticipation gave an extra fillip to the kriti version. The kalpana swaras in the Pallavi with imaginative sequencing, set the platform for a tani [illegible] violin [illegible] instrument [illegible] ed on [illegible] Lakshmanan [illegible] on the ghatam by Doddanagudi Venkateswarulu.

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Learning drama through ART

DRAMATICS arts residential workshop, said to be the first of its kind, will be held today, at the Ecumenical Christian Centre, Whitefield. Organised by Artistes' Repertory Theatre (ART), the workshop aims to provide a unique experience for youngsters covering all aspects of theatre, including script-writing. "This crash course comes as a response to an expressed need," says Jagdish Raja, founder of ART.

Established in 1982, ART has strived to keep the English theatre alive in the City. It has driven home the point that a good performer will go on stage only to interpret a particular character and not to be seen by an audience

The current workshop is being organised to cater to the needs of the interested and economically self-reliant people. Though most youngsters are drawn by the glamour of theatre, they look to other avenues, as theatre does not give them financial independence. "But where in the world is theatre completely professional? Many actors abroad take on a job as bartenders or work elsewhere to support themselves financially. However, there are a few exceptions," explains Jagdish Raja

Theatre gives an actor tremendous exhilaration when he performs in front of a live audience, and it is due to that feeling that people like Shabana and Naseer keep returning to stage, says Jagdish

Jagdish and his wife Arundhati Raja took to theatre as a hobby. They chose to be involved with English theatre because they were "comfortable with the language and hence it is easy to emote." The duo is constantly trying out innovative methods to "go beyond just staging a play". They have been successful in adding an institutional status to ART, which was invited to perform at The Questors Theatre, London in 1998, and it is the local partner of South Asian Playwriting Residency, in association with the British Council and the Royal Court Theatre, London

The husband-and-wife team organises such workshops as they feel theatre is important for an individual's overall development. "It helps him build an awareness of the self and it is better to initiate children at a young age to theatre as they learn the importance of team work," says Jagdish

The residential workshop, which is open to those above 21 years features a variety of games for improvisation, especially to sense the presence and action of another person. The workshop also covers topics such as postures and gestures

Jagdish Raja with a co-artiste in "Inherit the wind".

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Philosophical thoughts laced each of his patient answers. With a striking malady, he said how intolerance and anger can poison a human personality. He said, "Scientists say that anger and fear stimulate the ...retion of venom in a snake's body A snake has pouches in the body, specially designed to store venom. In a metaphorical sense, a similar thing happens in the human body too. But since he has no pouches to store venom, it gets into his blood stream and affects the entire body and mind"

This month's "Maneyangaladalli Mathukathe" saw a particularly enthusiastic response. People came from as far as Bellary to attend the programme. The queue of those aspiring to ask questions was long. And often, people seemed more interested in their own questions, rather than in what Karim Khan had to say in response. But he seemed to have achieved the equanimity it requires to be indifferent to the self indulgent ways of people.

Karim Khan's answers were simple and straight-forward. He broke into a song at the slightest provocation, struggling to negotiate complex phrases in his aged voice. When someone asked what has to be done to preserve folk culture, he said: "They will survive if people have the heart to allow its survival... if people have the heart to preserve things for prosperity"

To a question on what should be done to stem the proliferation of 'obscene cassettes' in folk style, he said: Stop buying them. Who will make them if there are no takers?" He added, as an afterthought: 'Let them have things their way for a while''. When someone asked him to comment on the corrupt political system, he said: "Think of the people who sell their vote for a bottle of liquor"

Responding to the predictable question on the secret behind his longevity, he said: "I eat well, sleep well and don't waste my energy thinking up ways of harming other people!" Karim Khan seemed very much in the know of the contemporary cultural and political scenario, as he talked of a range of things — from Ford Foundation grants for studies on folk culture to infighting among political factions in Afghanistan

He brushed aside a question on his own religious background and his long association with Hindu devotional music, with a rhetorical question: "Didn't Rafi sing devotional songs?" He chose not to step into the landmine of the politics of religion

Interestingly, despite his long association with the folk idiom, Karim Khan shows a great penchant for the use of Sanskrit phrases in many of his film lyrics. Most parts of a song such as "Natavara Gangadhara" would, in fact, be intelligible to be a non-Kannadiga for its generous use of Sanskrit

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Answering a 10-year-old boy's question on the memories of his childhood, Karim Khan spoke of how he had spent his childhood listening to "Sankeertane"s at temples, and watching folk performances and Yakshaganas. He followed it up with a song on Lord Manjunatha, penned by himself.

Karim Khan spoke with great reverence to his mentor Narayana Shastri, a Sanskrit and Kannada scholar. He recalled how he stood in front of Narayana Shastri's funeral pyre, asking: "Are you carrying away all your knowledge with you?" When he came back home and began to write, he discovered within himself a lucidity he had never experienced before. He believes that all his achievements are his guru's "Anugraha". Karim Khan said, after a pause: "I know that nobody will believe this. Each man has his own faith!"

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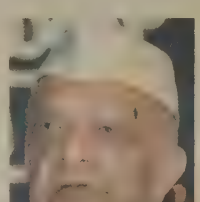

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Three roles donned with ease

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From the play, 'Manteswamy Katha Prasanga'.

troupe. This was followed by 'Manteswamy Katha Prasanga' by Prayogaranga, Bangalore, and rangageetegalu by Basalingaiah and troupe from Dharwad. 'Neeru' by Samudaya, Bangalore, and ranga geetegalu by Vijayakumar Ituri and troupe, Bangalore

The town wore a festive look when 66 of the 68 Nataka Academy awardees were taken out in a procession. Several women carrying a 'poorna kumbha kalasa', amidst the beating of the traditional drums, led the procession.

On a glittering, decorative stage, renowned stage personalities including B. V. Karanth, Chandrashekar Kambar, Hiranmaiah, along with K. C. Kondaiah, and Kolur Basavanagowda, (both MPs), and Bellary zilla parishad president Venkatrao Ghorpade were present. Prakash gave away the awards.

Curtains to the nine-day cultural festival were drawn with the staging of the popular play, 'Lanchaavataar' by Hiranmaiah and troupe.

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Sadashiv Patil and troupe from Koppal.

'Surya Shikari' by Amar Kalasangha, Mysore, and ranga-geetegalu by Shivanand Patil from Mumbai, marked the conclusion of the 'Ranga Chaitrotsava'.

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● SHILPA SEBASTIAN ROMELES

Going strong after a century

THE KANNADA film, "Swarna Gowri" was released in 1962 ... 40 years later, the songs ... atavara ... Neelakantheshwara ... Nee ... believe ... Jagadeeshanadiva' — continue to be the favourites of old Kannada film music lovers. Dr. S. K. Karim ... who had penned these lyrics, a freedom fighter and a folk-lore ... or repute.

Travelling from village to village Karim Khan has done an extensive documentation of folk traditions, specially of Hassan district. Among his best-known works is "Kalu ... mbhidavu Ishge", a compilation of ... songs. He is also the recipient of ... Janapadashri" award ... g the freedom struggle, and during the struggle for the unification of Karnataka, Karim Khan had toured every nook and corner of the State, singing songs to inspire people. ... rim Khan had a brush with electoral politics too, as he had campaigned for some of the biggest names of the early Congress era, such ... C. Reddy.

The fact that he became a household name after he wrote the script and lyrics for "Swarna Gowri" is testimony to the power and reach of the film media. Following the success of his debut film, Karim Khan went on to write lyrics for a number of films. Among his best-known songs are "Jayathe Jayathe" and "Vanamali Vaikuntapathe". He also wrote plays and songs for a number of cassettes, specially devotionals.

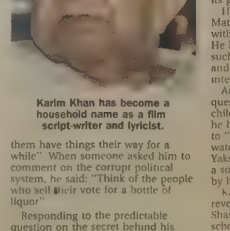
Karim Khan is now 100. As he answered a barrage of questions from the audience at 'Maneyangaladalli Mathukathe' — an interact programme sponsored by the Department of Kannada and Culture — one saw in him a man mellowed by age and vast experience.

Philosophical thoughts laced each of his patient answers. With a striking analogy, he said how intolerance and anger can poison a human personality. He said, "Scientists say that anger and fear stimulate the secretion of venom in a snake's body. A snake has pouches in the body, specially designed to store venom. In a metaphorical sense, a similar thing happens in the human body too. But since he has no pouches to store venom, it gets into his blood stream and affects the entire body and mind"

This month's "Maneyangaladalli Mathukathe" saw a particularly enthusiastic response. People came from as far as Bellary to attend the programme. The queue of those aspiring to ask questions was long. And often, people seemed more interested in their own questions, rather than in what Karim Khan had to say in response. But he seemed to have achieved the equanimity it requires to be indifferent to the self-indulgent ways of people

Karim Khan's answers were simple and straight-forward. He broke into a song at the slightest provocation, struggling to negotiate complex phrases in his aged voice. When someone asked what has to be done to preserve folk culture, he said: "They will survive if people have the heart to allow its survival... if people have the heart to preserve things for prosperity."

To a question on what should be done to stem the proliferation of "obscene cassettes" in folk style, he said: "Stop buying them. Who will make them if there are no takers?" He added, as an afterthought: "Let them have things their way for a while." When someone asked him to comment on the corrupt political system, he said: "Think of the people who sell their vote for a bottle of liquor"



Karim Khan has become a household name as a film script-writer and lyricist.

Responding to the predictable question on the secret behind his longevity, he said: "I eat well, sleep well and don't waste my energy thinking up ways of harming other people!" Karim Khan seemed very much in the know of the contemporary cultural and political scenario, as he talked of a range of things — from Ford Foundation grants for studies on folk culture to infighting among political factions in Afghanistan.

He brushed aside a question on his own religious background and his long association with Hindu devotional music, with a rhetorical question: "Didn't Rafi sing devotional songs?" He chose not to step into the landmine of the politics of religion

Interestingly, despite his long association with the folk idiom, Karim Khan shows a great penchant for the use of Sanskrit phrases in many of his film lyrics. Most parts of a song such as "Natavara Gangadhara" would, in fact, be intelligible to be a non-Kannadiga for its generous use of Sanskrit.

His answers at "Maneyangaladalli Mathukathe" were also peppered with a number of Sanskrit phrases. He kept going back to Hindu epics such as the Ramayana, Mahabharata and Bhagavata in the course of the interaction.

Answering a 10-year-old boy's question on the memories of his childhood, Karim Khan spoke of how he had spent his childhood listening to "Sankeertane"s at temples, and watching folk performances and Yakshaganas. He followed it up with a song on Lord Manjunatha, penned by himself.

Karim Khan spoke with great reverence to his mentor Narayana Shastri, a Sanskrit and Kannada scholar. He recalled how he stood in front of Narayana Shastri's funeral pyre, asking, "Are you carrying away all your knowledge with you?" When he came back home and began to write, he discovered within himself a lucidity he had never experienced before. He believes that all his achievements are his guru's grants for studies on folk culture to infighting among political factions in Afghanistan.

● BAGESHREE. S.

Three roles donned with ease

Name of the company not mentioned — Carnatic Classical instrumental — V. L. Sudharsan — Price Rs. 40/-.

I CANNOT be denied that the present crop of artistes is talented in quite a few avenues. V. L. Sudharsan, the son of late violin ... dwan V. L. Vedagiri, has equipped himself well and has created ripples in ... quite a few artistic areas. Sudharsan has recorded an audio cassette donning the triple roles of a viola ... player, Lalita veena exponent and ... violinist. He is accompanied by S ... Vijayendran (mridangam), N. Sundar (tabla), N. Guruprasad (ghatam) and A. S. Krishnan (morsing).

The popular varnam of Moolai Veetu Rangaswami Pillai, "Chalamela" (Vattakurinji) played on the viola sets the tape rolling. The next song "Ganadeva" in Saranga played on the Lalita veena with clean, firm bowing is adorned with a couple of avartanams of swaraprastharas.

Patnam Subramania Iyer's "Paridhana Michite" (Bilahari) on the violin with a brisk chittaswaram has fluent instrumental expression.

Tyagaraja's Balahamsa kriti "Dandanu" on the viola and "Nadhamuddho" in Bindumalini by the same composer, on the violin, are sensitive interpretations considering the singular rakthi of both the ragas. The swaras for the latter are faultless in terms of ... lakshana.

... Subramaniya of Patnam Subramania Iyer, with its catchy chittaswaram, an instrumentalist's delight, is played with vivacity on the Lalita veena.

"Sakthi Sahita Ganapathim" of Dikshitar is a three in one effort and is quite refreshing. A tillana in Patdheep, composed by the artiste himself speaks well of his creative ability. — ● S. P.

Kindling nostalgic memories

RADIO REVIEW

THE PROGRAMME of ... Namasivayam (vocal) ... Sethuramiah (violin) ... Coimbatore N. Ramaswami (mridangam) and V. S. Krishnamurthy Rao (ghatam) was relayed on F.M Channel II of AIR Chennai on M...y 2. All these worthies have since ... passed over, but they have left footprints in the sands of time for the rasikas of a previous generation to recall their art with nostalgic emotion.

A rare varnam of Koranadu Natesa Pillai in Kannada with a fluent, breezy rhythm set the agenda on course. "Jagadananda Karaka", one of Thyagaraja's Pancharatnams in Nattai ragam was a flawless rendering followed by an alapana of Dhanyasi that had all the hallmarks of a chaste Carnatic discipline. Sethuramiah, like his preceptor Mysore Chowdiah, was always an enthusiastic exponent and his raga delineation had an infectious zeal. Muthuthandavar's composition "Kanaamal" in Misra chapu with the neraval having a touching grace, and the swaras in the two speeds rendered punctiliously were effective in capturing attention.

Suddhasaveri, the winsome pentatonic raga, was elaborated with care and focus on the pertinent prayogas. Tyagaraja's "Dhanni Telusu Konti" with its vibrant, foot-tapping sangatis in the Pallavi was a blue chip interpretation. Due credit must be given to the percussionists whose percentage anticipation gave an extra fillip to the kriti version. The kalpana swaras in the Pallavi with imaginative sequencing, set the platform for a tani ... avartanam that was a rhythmic displa ... violin ... Kanjira ... music ... mridangam ... Lakshmi ... ... strated ... melodic ... prayogas, clean, strong bowing and confident playing technique, was of appreciable quality. "Kaligi unte gada" in which Tyagaraja says that if his devotion to the Lord had been as devout as Narada's, Prahlada's and Ramadasa's he would have earned His grace easily, and the neraval and the fluent swaras with good laya control deserve critical acclaim. The tani avartanam with clear cut tekhas and pharns and nadai variations, was a seasoned laya effort.

An Annamacharya composition, tuned in Bhupalgani (Chakravaham sans the panchamam) gave a soothing finish to the concert.

Rema Ramaiah with M. ... Govindaswamy (violin), Rajakesari (mridangam), and besides Kanjira accompaniment, began with a creditable dissertation of Bhairavi and followed it up with the kriti, "Ika nannu brova" on Lord Rama. The madhyama kala swaras in the charanam were aesthetically satisfying, while the faster sequences were rhythmically exact. The percussionists revealed their sound professional standards in the tani avartanam. A Purandaradasa pada in Madhuvanthi was a very enjoyable end piece.

● BY A CORRESPONDENT

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CITY SHOWCASE: Kempegowda Museum, which chronicles Bangalore's birth and growth, will fill the vacuum felt on the culture scene

NEWBIE CITY is still soaking in culture

D Javare Gowda (Deejagow) | KANNADA WRITER

The space given for Kempegowda Museum at Mavo Hall is too small. A museum should be spacious and must be in a position to accommodate any new art, craft or sculpture that chronicles the Kempegowda era. Bangalore may become New York or Washington one day, if proper efforts are put in.

Shobha Nambisan | DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART

Bangalore is evolving [illegible] art hub, especially with the coming of NGMA. Our gallery has hosted five international [illegible] works of art. These shows were [illegible] by Bangalorean[illegible] the Japanese artistes performing here.

S G Vasudev

The question in the minds of all art aficionados is the future of the art scene in Bangalore. Where is it headed? Will it see global-[illegible]ted shows? Will it attain the [illegible]chts of New York? When I came to Bangalore from New York in 1978, I remarked how the two cities are alike in their capacity to absorb everything. I believe it is only a question of time for the city to turn into a world-class art and museum destination.

At the moment, though, Bangalore cannot be called a world-class museum destination - like Washington or New York or even Mumbai — it may slowly become one, thanks to recent efforts like the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) and now, the Kempegowda Museum at Mayo Hall. Even Freedom Park has a huge potential to expand further into a museum.

TOP COPY

Why Bangalore may not have had a world-class museum and reputed international art shows could be because unlike Mysore, Dharwad and Hubli, Bangalore is a very new city that did not have a culture of its own before. Culture has gained momentum only in the past 10-15 years. And a lot of it has been because of increasing migration. The influx of people into the city has helped bring a multi-cultural touch. This is also the reason why Bangalore's artists don't have a stamp on their work. Each of them is unique.

Bangalore certainly has potential to become a small New York. But it is the lack of any big institution dedicated to art that did not turn it into a major cultural hub and centre. It was only the Chitrakala Parishat in 1960 that, for the first time, brought an eclectic mix of artists to the city.

This is a rare phenomenon, a positive trend that began in the 1970s, which we should preserve and further develop.

What I recommend now is that this new museum must be made complete with all details and curated by some historian of significance. K K Hebbar, an artist, used to send young people out on scholarships all across the country. When they came back, they brought various experiences and different kinds of arts with them. It is these experiences that we have to bring together in a world-class setting.

I began by suggesting how art aficionados are pondering about the future of the art scene in Bangalore. Can it attain the class of New York? It is only a question of time, with positive forays being made in this direction.

(The writer is a renowned artist)

Victoria Albert Museum, London

Get a glimpse of Bangalore down the ages

Kempegowda Museum Opens In Mayo Hall

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Having savoured bowls of ice-cream, chilled mugs of beer and the best of transcontinental cuisine on hip street, now you can look forward to some soul food. Discover 18th century Bangalore and its origins at Mayo Hall on MG Road, where the Kempegowda Museum was finally inaugurated on Thursday.

> **It is the Bangalore of Kempegowda's period that we have tried to recreate here, and have displayed photos of the four Kempegowda towers**
> K N Suryaprakash | DESIGNER

This new culture point in the shopping hub is bound to attract tourists. The museum is going to be a learning centre for the interested public, said chief minister B S Yeddyurappa, inaugurating it.

The museum has charts on the rulers of the Yelahanka dynasty, along with photographs and a brief explanation about 16th-century Bangalore, when Kempegowda, the founder, lived.

Interestingly, those who visit the museum will actually be walking on a map of 18th-century Bangalore — the map is spread across the floor and covered with a glass slab. "It is the Bangalore of Kempegowda's period that we have tried to recreate here, and have displayed photos of the four Kempegowda towers (the boundary fixed by Kempegowda) in four directions. The map has been procured from the Mythic Society and is magnified. It is just a creative effort," K N Suryaprakash, chief designer of the museum, said.

Pics. Md Asad

HALL OF HISTORY: Mayo Hall now houses Kempegowda Museum (right) Photographs and charts showcase Bangalore of the Kempegowda era

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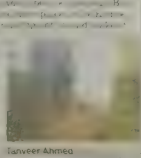

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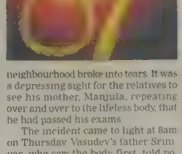

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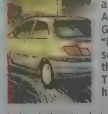

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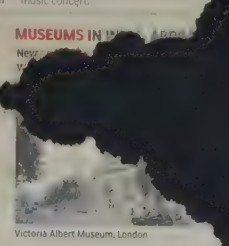

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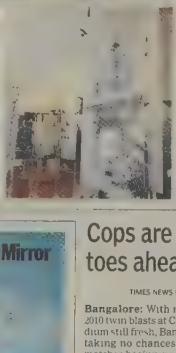

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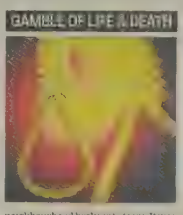

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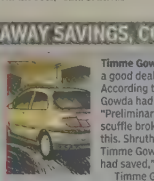

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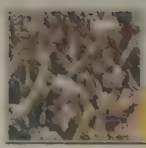

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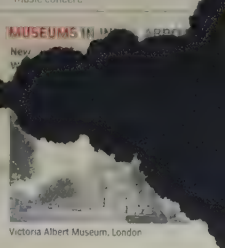

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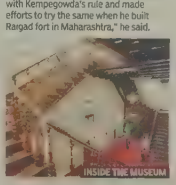

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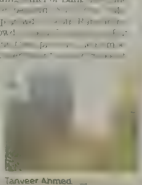

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Cops are on their toes ahead of IPL

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Bangalore: With memories of the 2010 twin blasts at Chinnaswamy stadium still fresh, Bangalore police are taking no chances during the IPL matches beginning Friday.

Maximum security arrangements have been made for the matches, police commissioner Shankar Bidari said on Thursday. Approximately 2,000 personnel will be deployed to ensure security during the matches. "An end-to-end security cover will be provided for the players. Right from the airport to the hotel, there'll be policemen to protect the players. Apart from this, cops will also secure the stadium," he said.

₹37L SECURITY DEPOSIT

KSCA has made a deposit of Rs 37 lakh for providing protection for the two matches. Bidari said deposit for the remaining five matches will be made by KSCA during the course of time. There will be CCTV cameras installed around the stadium and private security guards and bomb detection squads will be deployed, KSCA officials said.

Attend to complaints in 48 hrs, contractors told

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Bangalore: BWSSB chairman P B Ramamurthy has directed contractors who are maintaining bowsells in BBMP's newly added areas to attend to complaints within 48 hours.

At a meeting with 34 contractors on Thursday, Ramamurthy said contractors who fail to do so will be blacklisted. "The contractors should work in tandem with the board to help provide water supply to residents," the chairman said.

WATER ADALAT TODAY

BWSSB Water Adalat of East-2 subdivision will be held on Friday from 9.30am to 11am at the AEE's office, Indiranagar. Consumers of Indiranagar, Jeevan Bima Nagar and BAL II Stage can attend. 2294 5158/67.

Fearing results, boy ends life

But Report Card Revealed Vasudev Had Passed In The Exam

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Bangalore: Vasudev Srinivas, 14, ought to have waited till noon. Just a few hours more, and he could have exulted over his exam results. Instead, he lay lifeless, driven by fear to end his life. The Class 9 student allegedly hanged himself on Thursday morning in his house in Kodihalli, Jeevan Bima Nagar police station limits.

Perhaps it is the beginning of the one of the biggest worries during summers — student suicides. On Wednesday, the bodies of two PU boys were found on the railway track near Malleswaram — again, the reason behind the suicides was reportedly fear of results.

According to police, it was the fear of failing the annual examination which led Vasudev to this extreme step. He had written the exam two months ago and was doubtful about clearing the Mathematics paper. He may have spent the past two months in agony, and finally, unable to face the result, ended his life, police surmised.

But a few hours after his death, the results were announced, and Vasudev was promoted to Class 10. As his mark sheet was passed around among those gathered at the funeral, the family and

GAMBLE OF LIFE & DEATH

neighbourhood broke into tears. It was a depressing sight for the relatives to see his mother, Manjula, repeating over and over to the lifeless body that he had passed his exams.

The incident came to light at 8am on Thursday. Vasudev's father Srinivas, who saw the body first, told police that his son had told them about the results on Wednesday night. "After dinner, he went to bed. He had not locked his room from inside. On Thursday morning, when I went to his room to call him, I found him hanging from the roof," said Srinivas.

Boy may have faced family pressure

Vasudev was a jovial boy. I don't know why he took the extreme step. He was an average student, never fared poorly. There might have been pressure from home. He was evidently a bit tense. But we don't fail any child in exams. There are always re-exams conducted, and if a child fares poorly, he's given a second chance. Exams are not the end of the world. I don't believe in memory tests. When school reopens, I will conduct orientation programmes with counselling for parents and students.

R Srinivas | PRINCIPAL, SSB INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

HUSBAND GAMBLES AWAY SAVINGS, COUPLE ENDS LIFE

Bangalore: Gambling on the occasion of Ugadi took the life of a young couple in Hebbal police limits, late Wednesday night. T Shruthi, 22, allegedly hanged herself when she discovered that her husband, Timme Gowda, had gambled away money which she had saved over a year. Shocked over her death, Timme Gowda called his in-laws, narrated the news, and hanged himself from the same ceiling.

Their bodies were recovered after police broke open the door of the locked house, located in Guddadahalli on Thursday morning. The couple leaves behind Meghana, a year old, who lives with her maternal grandparents in Maddur.

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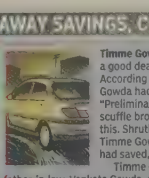

Timme Gowda, a cab driver, reportedly lost a good deal of money in gambling. According to family members, Timme Gowda had spent Shruthi's savings. "Preliminary investigation revealed that a scuffle broke out between the couple over this. Shruthi's parents also allege that Timme Gowda spent all the money Shruthi had saved," police said.

Timme Gowda reportedly called his father-in-law, Venkate Gowda, on Wednesday night, and told him that Shruthi had hanged herself. "Venkate Gowda asked him to untie Shruthi and take her to hospital. It appears that he untied her and discovered that she had died. Fearing the consequences, Timme Gowda hanged himself," police added. TNN

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NEWBIE CITY is still soaking in culture

D Javare Gowda (Dejagow) | KANNADA WRITER

The space given for Kempegowda Museum at Mayo Hall is too small. A museum should be spacious and must be in a position to accommodate any new art, craft or sculpture that chronicles the Kempegowda era. Bangalore may become New York or Washington one day, if proper efforts are put in.

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Bangalore is evolving as an art hub, especially with the coming of NGMA. Our gallery has hosted five international shows over the past one year. We ha... Victoria and Albert Museum of ... Design from London exhibiting their works of art. These shows were accepted by Bangaloreans. We had Japanese artistes performing here, in a music concert.

S G Vasudev

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Why Bangalore may not have had a world-class museum and reputed international art shows could be because unlike Mysore, Dharwad and Hubli, Bangalore is a very new city that did not have a culture of its own before. Culture has gained momentum only in the past 10-15 years. And a lot of it has been because of increasing migration. The influx of people into the city has helped bring a multi-cultural touch. This is also the reason why Bangalore's artists don't have a stamp on their work. Each of them is unique.

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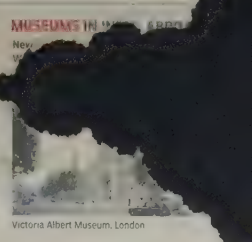

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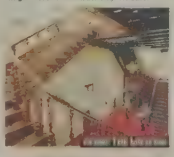

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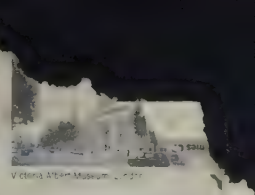

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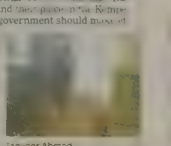

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Having savoured bowls of ice-cream, chilled mugs of beer and the best of transcontinental cuisine on hip street, now you can look forward to some soul food. Discover 18th-century Bangalore and its origins at Mayo Hall on MG Road, where the Kempegowda Museum was finally inaugurated on Thursday.

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This new culture point in the shopping hub is bound to attract tourists. The museum is going to be a learning centre for the interested public, said chief minister B S Yeddyurappa, inaugurating it.

The museum has charts on the rulers of the Yelahanka dynasty, along with photographs and a brief explanation about 18th-century Bangalore, when Kempegowda, the founder, lived.

Interestingly, those who visit the museum will actually be walking on a map of 18th-century Bangalore - the map is spread across the floor and covered with a glass slab. "It is the Bangalore of Kempegowda's period that we have tried to recreate here, and have displayed photos of the four Kempegowda towers (the boundary fixed by Kempegowda) in four directions. The map has been procured from the Mythic Society and is magnified. It is just a creative effort," K N Suryaprakash, chief designer of the museum, said

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HALL OF HISTORY Mayo Hall now houses Kempegowda Museum (right) Photographs and charts showcase Bangalore of the Kempegowda era

He also mentioned that Kempegowda was felicitated and honoured with the title of 'Chikkaraya' by Vijayanagar emperor Sri Krishnadevaraya. The museum also explains the lineage of the Kempegowda family and his successors

Speaking at the inaugural, D Javare Gowda, renowned Kannada writer, requested the chief minister to shift the court from Mayo Hall and expand the museum. "This museum is too small to give a glimpse of Kempegowda's era. As days go by, the museum will have to be expanded. I suggest that the court be shifted from Mayo Hall to any other suitable place. Or find 10 acres of land and shift the museum to the new place," he said

Home minister R Ashoka said Bangalore International Airport (BIA) will be named after Kempegowda. "The cabinet has approved this proposal, which has further been sent for approval from the Centre. Within six months, we will hopefully be calling BIA Kempegowda International Airport."

Tipu, Kempegowda and BIA?

Shanthi Nagar MLA NA Haris said BIA must also be named after Tipu Sultan, as he was born in Devanahalli, where BIA is located. "There are two wings in BIA, domestic and international. One of them can be named after Kempegowda and the other, Tipu Sultan," he said

SHIVAJI WAS IMPRESSED

Prof Dejagow said that Maratha king Chattrapati Shivaji lived in Bangalore for two years and was impressed by Kempegowda's visions for the city. "Not many know that Shivaji hailed from Gadag. Shivaji was impressed with Kempegowda's rule and made efforts to try the same when he built Raigad fort in Maharashtra," he said

INSIDE THE MUSEUM

GARDEN CITY IN BRIEF

Bangalore, as it is known today, was founded by Kempegowda, who built a mud fort in 1537. The town had two main streets: Chikkapet Street, running east-west, and Doddapete Street, running north-south. Their intersection formed Doddapete Square — the heart of then Bangalore. Kempegowda's successor, Kempegowda II, built temples, tanks including Kempapura and Karanjikere tanks, and four watch towers that marked the city's boundary. The four towers can still be seen today — in Lal Bagh, near Kempambudhi tank, near Ulsoor Lake and at Mehkri Circle.

Writer's grandson hunts for ancient books

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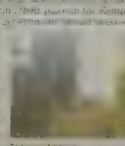
What began as a search for Mudde Gowda's family history in Kempegowda Museum soon turned into a hunt for the writer's books. Nadoja Muddanna's Rajasekhara Charitre, the first Telugu prose work, is among the roots of Telugu literature. Sadly, not a single book written by Kempegowda survives. Yet, he helped set up Mayo Hall, Kempegowda Gopura and Magadi Kempegowda Gopura. But these works are not in print. Most people in Kempegowda Museum. The guides can tell stories of the forts he built, but not much is known about Kempegowda, and his contribution to the growth of Bangalore. Now, the government is planning to preserve such books and make them available in public libraries. My grandfather's books have been out of print since the government stopped the initiative to publish them," says Ahmed.



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Kareem Khan has also written a Nadoja on Kempegowda. Nelamangala residents that Lakshmidevamma, wife of Kempegowda II, as Ayyal Bendakalooru, Hulimavu Bairava Kaveripura, Dommasandra Hill, Kempambudhi pasture, Mekhri Circle, The Lalbagh Gilded Elephant, Kempegowda would sit at a place with cereals, which later got the label Ben dakalooru (Bangalore)," says Ahmed

"The ballad was made into an audio cassette, and renowned singer S P Balasubramanyam sang it. It is time to popularize that ballad and preserve it as a valuable asset of this museum." Ahmed told The Times of India. However, the museum committee is yet to find the art, craft and sculptures of Kempegowda's era and literature written on his dynasty.

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The scheme covers a range of services from regular medical check-up to hospitalisation, therapy, corrective surgery and transportation on reimbursement basis. Although there are no exact numbers, experts say "lakhs" of people suffer from mental illness but only a few thousands have come forward to avail of the scheme

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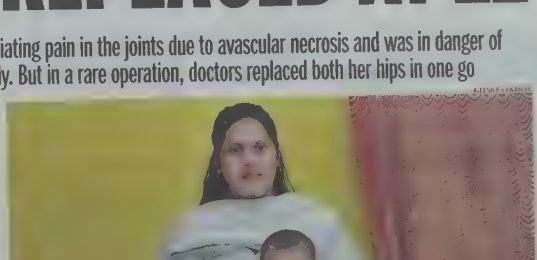
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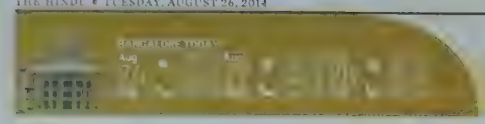

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AROUND THE CITY

Water adalat

The BWSSB will hold water adalat on Tuesday at the office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, North West-2 subdivision at West of Chord Road and at South West-4 subdivision, 1st stage 4th Block Grievances relating to water bill, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections would be addressed. For details, call AEE North West-2 subdivision (22945184) AEE South West-4 subdivision (22945148).

Homage to URA

Sahitya Akademi, Southern Regional Office, conducted a condolence meeting on Monday to pay homage to writer U.R. Ananthamurthy, who was also the former president and Fellow of the Akademi Vice-president of the Akademi Chandrashekhara Kambar said, "Dr. Ananthamurthy guided writers to be conscious of their democratic stands and values."

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"These colleges conveyed to us that they want to close down as there were no takers. We have written to the State government to complete the process," said BU Registrar (Administration) K.K Seethamma.

The closure of these colleges is a reflection of a recurring scenario in the past few academic years of general education, especially Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, losing its sheen.

The Hindu had earlier reported about several BSc. departments in city colleges shutting down owing to lack of students. As on today, BU has 507 affiliated colleges offering general education courses.

With this development, the number of affiliated colleges has come down from 614 undergraduate and postgraduate colleges in 2013–14 to 590 for the current academic year. The 590 affiliated colleges include 22 new colleges added this year.

"Apart from the 12 colleges, one was disaffiliated by the university. The remaining are B.Ed. (teacher education) colleges," an official said.

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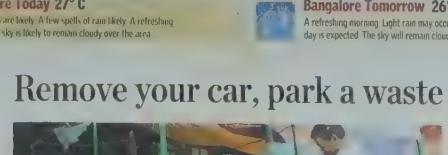

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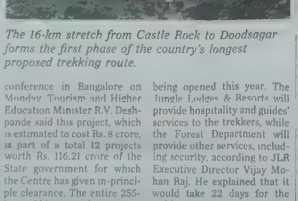

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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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The bid forms and other details can be obtained from website **www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd or www.cpwd.gov.in**

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You are hereby required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **23.09.2014 at 10.30 a.m** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted

Take Notice that, in the event of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the **8th day of August 2014.** Sd/-Registrar
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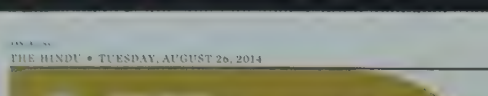

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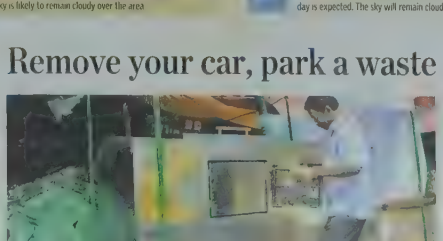

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SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To : Defendants

1. Mangala Gowramma, W/o. Late Shri B H. Mahimanna, aged about 45 years, Residing at Bychenahalli, Hebbur Hobli, Tumkur Taluk.

2. Swetha, D/o. Late B. H. Mahimanna, aged about 14 years Residing at Bychenahalli, Hebbur Hobli, Tumkur Taluk. Minor, represented by natural guardian 1st Defendant.

3. Chikkamahimanna, S/o Shri Chikkaranganah, aged about 48 years, Residing at Bychenahalli Hebbur Hobli, Tumkur (Taluk).

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 against you, for the recovery of **Rs.16,34,475/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Only) together with current and future interests and for other reliefs. You are hereby required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **23.09.2014 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that, in the event of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this the **8th day of August 2014.** Sd/-Registrar

Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

Krishi Bhavan Hudson Circle, Bangalore - 560 001 Ph

NOTICE OF DEMAND TO DEFENDANTS

(See Rule 2 of the Second Schedule of [illegible] of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks [illegible]

DRC No.6460

To,

1. **Hexagon Engineers Ltd.,** A Public Limited Company Incorporated Under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its Registered Office No 93/2, Margosa Road (Between 11th and 12th Cross) Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Represented by its Directors being Defendants No 2 [illegible]
2. **Dr. B. M. Sundaram** S/o S Balaguruswamy, Major in age
3. **Shri B. Shankaralingam** S/o S Balaguruswamy Major in age
4. **Shri B. Soundararajan** S/o S Balaguruswamy Major in age
5. **Shri B. Shaktivel** S/o S Balaguruswamy Major in age
6. **Smt. Shivagnanambal** W/o S Balaguruswamy Major in age Defendant No 2 to 6 residing at No 57 1st Block, BEL Layout Vidyaranyapura Bangalore - 560 097
7. **Shri R. Shankar** S/o N Ramaswamy Major in age residing at No 113, Ashirwad 4th Main, Income Tax Layout Vijayanagar Bangalore - 560 040
8. **Shri N. Ramaswamy** S/o R Narayanappa Major in age Residing at No 190 (New No 20), 2nd Main Ganganagar Bangalore - 560 052
9. **Smt. S. Rajarajeshwari** W/o S Saravanamohan Major in age Residing at No R-43/A Lavanyam, Golden Colony, Annanur Chennai 600050
10. **Ganesh Concretes Pvt. Ltd.,** No 794 4th Main Road Ambedkar Layout, Kavalbyrasandra Bangalore [illegible] its Managing Director Defendant-DR

Please take notice that Certificate dtd [illegible] forwarded by the Presiding officer Debts [illegible] in OA No 297/2009

Between

State Bank of India, ...**Applicant**

AND

M/s. Hexagon Engineers & Others ...**Defendant**

for the recovery of an amount of **Rs.47,27,22,553/-** (Rupees Forty Seven Crore Twenty Seven Lakhs Twenty Two Thousan[illegible] Hundred Fifty Three Only) details of which are given hereunder.

You are hereby required to pay the amount aforesaid within [illegible] days from the date of service of this notice by Demand draft in favour of the undersigned.

2 You are informed that in case of defaults steps would be [illegible] to realize the amount by one or more of the following modes namely (a) Attachment and sale of the movable or immovable properties of defendants (b) Arrest of the defendant and detention in prison (c) By appointing a receiver for the management of the movable or immovable properties of Defendants.

3 In addition to the amount aforesaid you will also be liable for (a) such interest as is payable as per decree, and (b) all costs incurred to realize the debt.

DETAILS OF AMOUNT MENTIONED IN RECOVERY CERTIFICATE

Sl.No.	Item	Amount (in Rs.)
1	Amount Determined	29,69,42,281 00
2	Less Recovery made after R C date	5,20,10,000 00
		24 49 32 281 00
3	Interest @ 12 75% p a on Rs 17,98,89,340/- amounts to Rs 16,13,04,671/- & interest @13.75% p a on Rs.6,50,32 941 00 amounts to Rs.6,62,75,601/- compounded monthly from 29/04/2009 to 31/3/2014	22,75,80,272 00
4	OA Fees paid to DRT	1,50 000 00
5	Advocate s fee	50,000 00
6	Process fee/Misc	10 000 00
	TOTAL	47,27,22,553.00

NB: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below

"**Rule 16:** (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of an debt dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this day the **26th day May 2014.** Sd/-

(M. Rami)

Recovery Officer-II

Paper vendor hit by car, dies

Special Correspondent

BANGALORE: A paper vendor died on the spot when a speeding car knocked him down in Banaswadi on Monday. The deceased, M. Perumal (47), who was a vendor for *The Hindu*, was crossing the road when he was hit. The impact was such that he was tossed in the air and landed on the car's bonnet. The police have arrested the driver, Marx Roshin R, an employee of a private bank.

Cab driver's suicide: report indicts police

Staff reporter

BANGALORE: The preliminary inquiry report into the recent suicide of a cab driver due to alleged police torture, sources say, has established that he was detained for three days at K.G. Nagar police station and beaten up.

The report has almost given a clean chit to inspector C D Nagaraj over corruption allegations.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South-East) Dr Rohini Katoch Sepat, who investigated the allegations against K.G. Nagar police, submitted her 60-page report to police commissioner M N Reddi on Monday.

Sources say that the report has statements of family members of the deceased, Pradeep, and personnel of K.G. Nagar police station, who testified that Pradeep was indeed detained for three days and also beaten up.

It says that inspector C.D Nagaraju took Rs 70,000 from Bharghav, a friend of Pradeep, which he handed over to the tenants of Pradeep, the complainant in the case who wanted to vacate the house, in the presence of witnesses.

The report adds that constable Manjunath took a bribe of Rs. 5,000 from Pradeep's father Eranna, but failed to establish whether the money was taken on behalf of Nagaraj.

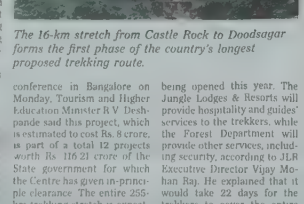
Reddi said the city police would take further action based on the report, but refused to comment on the contents.

Game for a trek from Castle Rock to Doodsagar?

T.S. Satish Kumar

BANGALORE: Come November, you can trek through the picturesque forest route, from Castle Rock to Doodsagar in Belgaum district. This 16-km stretch forms the first phase of the country's longest trekking route of 255 km proposed to be put in place by the Tourism Department, in coordination with the Forest Department. It links Castle Rock with Jog Falls through breathtaking destinations like Yaana in Uttara Kannada.

Announcing this at a press conference in Bangalore on Monday, Tourism and Higher Education Minister R.V. Deshpande said this project, which is estimated to cost Rs. 8 crore, is part of a total 12 projects worth Rs. 116.21 crore of the State government for which the Centre has given in-principle clearance. The entire 255-km trekking stretch is expected to be ready by November 2015, while the first phase is being opened this year. The Jungle Lodges & Resorts will provide hospitality and guides' services to the trekkers, while the Forest Department will provide other services, including security, according to JLR Executive Director Vijay Mohan Raj. He explained that it would take 22 days for the trekkers to cover the entire proposed stretch from Castle Rock to Jog Falls.



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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer Mysore Central Division CPWD Mysore on behalf of President of India invites online item rate tenders from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD and those of appropriate list of MES, BSNL, Railways and Karnataka State PWD (B&R) for the following work (s).

NIT NO 39/MyCD/e-tender/2014-15 Name of work "Raising of compound wall on three sides except on front side of the GPRA quarters at Mysore." Estimated cost **Rs.13,71,152/-** Earnest money **Rs 27,423/-** and period of completion **4 (four)** Months Last date and time of submission of bid **01.09 2014 upto 16 00 hours.**

NIT NO 31/MyCD/e-tender/2014-15 Name of work "Providing and fixing GI chain link fencing on worn side of GPOA land at Mysore." Estimated cost **Rs.19,16,050/-** Earnest money **Rs.38,321/-** and period of completion **3 (three)** Months Last date and time of submission of bid **01 09.2014 upto 16 00 hours.**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from website **www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd** or **www.cpwd.gov.in**

Government of India

Department of Atomic Energy

NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX

ELECTRICAL PROJECTS, HYDERABAD – 500 062

On behalf of President of India, Dy. Chief Engineer (CED PD & EP), Sarathi Building, Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad - 500 062 invites sealed tenders from the approved and eligible contractors who have executed works of similar nature and magnitude for the following works.

S. No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Tender Sale Period	Due date for Opening
1	E/461/2014	Providing Ventilation for Transit & UNRC Storage Sheds at NFC Hyderabad	₹ 13 Lakhs	₹ 26,000	₹ 500	27.08.2014 to 04.09.2014	11.09.2014
2	E/462/2014	Replacement of 6 6kV Panels and 33 kV Circuit Breakers at MSDS-II at NFC, Hyderabad	₹ 215 Lakhs	₹ 4.30 Lakhs	₹ 1900	04.09.2014 to 18.09.2014	Part -I 09.10.2014
3	E/463/2014	Extension of CCTV Surveillance for the blind areas along the perimeter of various areas in NFC Hyderabad	₹ 23 Lakhs	₹ 46,000	₹ 500	15 09 2014 to 22 09 2014	30 09.2014

The detailed tender notice and eligibility criteria can be seen in NFC website at www.nfc.gov.in

Dy. Chief Engineer (CED, PD & EP)

For and on behalf of President of India

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An honour long overdue for Khan

Staff Reporter

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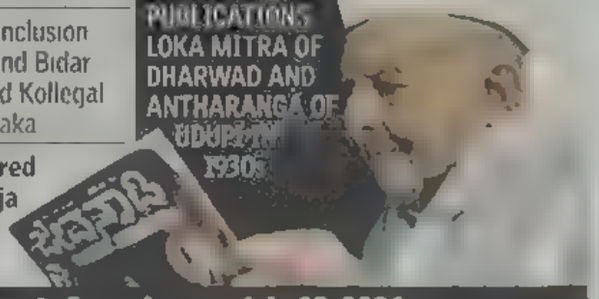

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The inordinate delay in renaming the road has angered many Kannada activists as well On Monday, members of the Kannada Okkoota announced that they will take it upon themselves to rename the road in Kareem Khan's name if the civic body did not do so within 15 days

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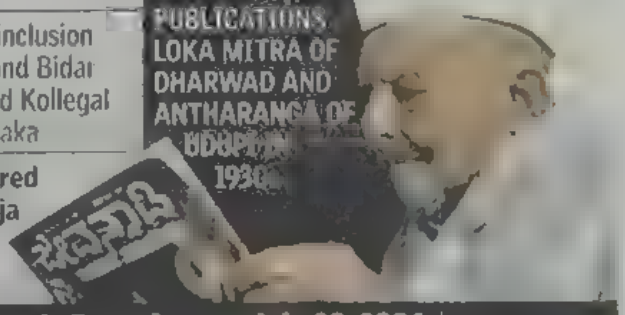

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ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರದ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ. ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್(97 ವರ್ಷ) ನಿಜವಾದ ಅರ್ಥದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದ ಜಂಗಮ, ಜಾನಪದ ನಿಧಿ, ಜಾನಪದ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ, ನಡೆದಾಡುವ ಜಾನಪದ ವಿಶ್ವಕೋಶ. ಯಾವ ಆಕಾಡೆಮಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸುತ್ತಿ ಜಾನಪದ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ, ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದವರು.

ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ರಮೇಶ್, ಹಾಪಸ.

ಹಾದಿ ಬೀಗ ತೋಸಿ, ಹಾದಿ ಬೀಗ ಬೀಜವಾ.
ಅಟ್ಟು ಕಟ್ಟಾದ ಮೈಕಟ್ಟು ಮಲೆನಾಡ ಮೈಬಣ್ಣ. ತಾಂತ, ಪ್ರಶಾಂತ ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಗ್ಧನಗು ದೇಹಕೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಿಬ್ಬುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಭೆಯ ಹಿರೋಗ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾ ಚಪ್ಪಾಳೆಯ ಮಹಾಪೂರ.

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ಇದು ನಾಂದಿಗೀತೆ. ಪ್ರಾದುದುಮುರ ಕಂಚಿನ್ಕಂಠಿಯಿಂದ ಈ ನೆಲದ ಮಣ್ಣಿನ ಸೊಗಡಿನ ಹಾಡು ಕೇಳಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದ್ದುಡಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಮೈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಿವಿ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಂತರ ಈ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಾನ

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ಬಾಲನ ಪದವ ಬರಕೊಂದ ಕೊಲೆ..

ಬಹಮನ್ನಾನದಲು ಹತ್ತೊಂಬತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ಜನಪದ ಗೀತಗಳಲ್ಲು ಅಧಾಗ ಪಡಿದಿದ್ದರು ಎಂಬ ಪ್ರತೀತಿ ಇದ್ದೆ. ಹೊಳೆಯಂತಿದೆ: ಆದರೆಲಾಲೆ ಆದ್ದ ವಚನಗಳು ಸರಳ ಸುಂದರ; ಸುಗುಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲು ರಚಿತವಾಗಿರುವಾಗಿವೆ ಸೊಗಸೊಂಡಿವೆ

ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅಭಿಮಾನ, ಗೌರವ ಎಂಬುದಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಹಾಡುಗಳೇ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಹಂತಕ್ಕೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಹಾಡಿದೆ. ಹೊಲ ಉಳುವುದರಿಂದ ಹಿಡಿದು ಬೆಳೆ ಕೊಯ್ಲು ಮಾಡಿ ಕಣಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಿ ಹೊಡೆದು ಧಾನ್ಯ ಮನೆಗೆ ತರುವವರೆಗೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಹಾಡಿದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಹಂತಕ್ಕೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಹಾಡಿದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಹಂತಕ್ಕೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಹಾಡಿದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಹಂತಕ್ಕೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಹಾಡಿದೆ.

ಹಾಡಿನ ಬೀಜ ಬಿತ್ತುವಾಗ ಹಾಡುವ ಹಾಡು, ಕಳೆ ಕೀಳುವಾಗ ಹಾಡುವ ಹಾಡು, ಬೆಳೆ ಕೊಯ್ಯುವಾಗ ಹಾಡುವ ಹಾಡು, ಕಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಹಾಡುವ ಹಾಡು, ಧಾನ್ಯ ಮನೆಗೆ ತರುವಾಗ ಹಾಡುವ ಹಾಡು ಹೀಗೆ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಹಾಡಿದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಹಂತಕ್ಕೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಹಾಡಿದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಹಂತಕ್ಕೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಹಾಡಿದೆ.

ರಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ಸೀಮೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ರೈತ ಹೊಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದ ಉತ್ಪೇಚತನಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾನೆ.

ರಾಗಿ ದೇವನೆ ಲೋಲು ಸೂಜನ್ನಾನೆ
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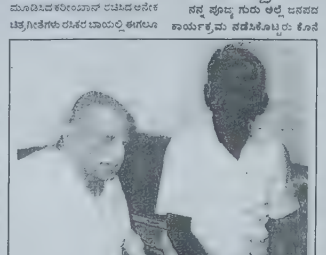
ಸೋಗೆಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತು ಸಿವರುನ
ರಾಗಿದೇವ
ತೂಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಯೋ ನಮ್ಮ ಹೊಲದಲ್ಲಿ

ಅಂದರೆ ಅವನ ಹಾಲಿಗೆ ರಾಗಿಯೇ ದೇವರು ರಾಗಿ ತೆನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವುದು ರಾಗಿ ಕಾಲ್ಲು ಜಾತಿಮುತ್ತು ಹಾಗೂ ನವರಾತ್ರಿ ಬೀಸುವ ತಂಗಾಳಿಯಂತೆ, ಕೋಗಿಲೆ ಉಲಿದಂತೆ, ಚೇರಿನ ರೈಲುಕಾರಿದಂತೆ ಹಾಡುಗಳ ಸಾಲು, ಸಾಲು.. ಪ್ರೇಮ ಗೀತೆ, ತೊಟ್ಟಿಲಹಾಡು ರಾಗಿಕಲ್ಲುಹಾಡು, ಕೋಳಾಟದ ಪದ, ತತ್ವಪದ, ಮಾಸಿಣ ಪದ ಹೀಗೆ ಗೂಡಾರು ಸೊಲ್ಲು ಹಾಡು-ನುಡಿಗಾರುಡಿಗ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್.

ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರದ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ ಕರೀಂ ಖಾನ್(97 ವರ್ಷ) ನಿಜವಾದ ಅರ್ಥ ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದ ಜಂಗಮ, ಜಾನಪದ ನಿಧಿ, ಜಾನಪದ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ, ನಡೆದಾಡುವ ಜಾನಪದ ವಿಶ್ವಕೋಶ. ಯಾವ ಆಕಾಡೆಮಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸುತ್ತಿ ಜಾನಪದ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ, ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದವರು ಆವರು ಪ್ರಕಟಿತವಾದುವುಗಳನ್ನು ಮನೆ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೊತ್ತು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿದವರು ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸಡರದ ಹೋರಾಟ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಪದ ಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಡು ವುದರ ಮೂಲಕ ಜನರನ್ನು ಜಾಗೃತಿಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಆವರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ದಕ್ಕಿಸುವ ಮಹತ್ತಾ ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಭಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಭಿತ್ತಿ ಬೆಳೆದ ವರು. ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸಂಗ್ರಾಮದ ವೀರ ಯೋಧರ ರಾಗಿ ಹತ್ತರು ಬಾರಿ ಶರಣಾ ಗತ ಆಯುಧಭಿವಿದರ್ಪರು ಶೀಧ್ರಾಧಿ, ಭೀತರ ಸೇವಾದಳದರಂತಹ ಬಹಾನ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿ ಬೆಳಸಲು ತಮ್ಮನ್ನೇ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ನಿಷ್ಠಾವಂತ ಕರ್ಮಿಗಳು.

ನಾಟಕ ಕರ್ತೃವಾಗಿ ಹತ್ತಾರು ನಾಟಕ ಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಡಲ್ಲೂ ಕಂಪನಿ ನಾಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿದರು. ಚಿತ್ರ ನಿರ್ದೆಯಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ಚಿಲಸಚಿತ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಗೀತೆ, ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ ಯನ್ನು ಬರೆದು ತಮ್ಮದೇ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಛಾಪು ಮೂಡಿಸಿದಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಬಹಳಿದಿವೆ. ಅನೇಕ ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆಗಳು ರಸಿಕರ ಬಾಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಲೂ



ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಅವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲೇಖಕ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ರಮೇಶ್

ನಲೆದಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆ 'ಬಯಸಿದಾಗ ಬಯಸಿದ ಕ್ಷಣ' 'ಅಭಿರಾಮ ಗಂಗಾಧರ' 'ನಾಡಿಜನ ರಿಂದಗಣ ಸಂಕೀರ್ತನ' ಮೊದಲಾದ ಹಾಡುಗಳ ಕರ್ತೃ ಇವರು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಕ್ರಶ್ರು ಜಾನಪದ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಆಕಾಡೆಮಿಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ, ಡಾಕ್ಟರೇಟ್ ಗೌರವ, ಸಂವಿದ್ಧರೂಪ ಮಡಿದ ಮುಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲರ ಈ ಬಡಜಾಯಿ: ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸಡರದ ವೀರಯೋಧ!.. ಎಂಬೋಮಂತ್ರಸ್ಫಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಂಬಿಬೇಕಾ ಗಿದ್ದ, ಈ ಸತ್ಯದ್ದನ್ನ ಮೌಶಾಮುನಿ ಸಂತೆ ಯೊಬ್ಬ ಸಂತ, ಇರಲು ಮನೆಯೊಂದು ಇಲ್ಲದಿರುವ್ದಾರೆ. ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಆಪ್ತಸಲಿಯಂತೆ ತಳಗಿನ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿ ಗಳು: "ಮಾಸೆ" ನೀಡುವ ಆಪ್ತಸಲೆ, ಆಪ್ತಸಲಿಯೊಗಿಯೇ ಉಳಿದಿರುವುದು ಕೋಚಲಿಯ

ಈ ಮಹಾನ್ ಚೇತನ, ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸೈನಿಕ ನನಗೆ ಪರಿಚಯವಾದದ್ದು 1947 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರ 1951ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರ ಪೌಢಶಾಲೆಗೆ ವ್ಯಾಯಾ ಸಿಕ್ಷಕನಾಗಿದ್ದ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ವೆಕಾದ ಈ ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್‌ರು ನನ್ನ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯರಮ ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಗುರುಗಳು

ನನ್ನ ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಗುರು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಪದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು ಕೊಣ ಯನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಗತ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಜದ ರಾಯರೇ ಇಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರೋಣ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವನು ನಿಷ್ಣಾತರು. ನಿರ್ದಯಿ, ಕೈಲಿ ಕುಡುಗೋಲು ಹಿಡಿದು ಹಿಡಿಂಜಿಗೆರಿಯಿ ಬಂದನೆಂದರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಳ್ಳೆ ಮರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಫಲ ಬಿಡುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಫಲಬಿತ್ತುವಿವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿದು ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಬರಿಕ್ಕಿಲಿ ಬರುವವರೆಗೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಬರಿಕ್ಕೆಲಿ ಹೋಗುವವನು ಅಲ್ಲಿ.

ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನ... ಸಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ತಪ್ಪಿದ್ದಲ್ಲ "ಹುಟ್ಟಿದವರಿಗೆ ಸಾವು ತಪ್ಪದು" ಎನ್ನುತ್ತೆವೆ. ಗೀತಾ ಸಾಮ್ಯ "ಸಮಮನಿ" ಎಂದು: ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅದುರೆಕ್ಕಾರ್ಡ. ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ "ಡೆತ್ ಇ ಲೆವೆಲ್ಲರ್" ಎಂಬ ಕವಿತ ಇದೇ ಅರ್ಥಕೊಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಾವು ಬೇಕಂಯ ಹಾಗೆ ಸರ್ವಗಾತ್ರಿಯ ಇದು ಹೀಟು. ಇದು ಕಾಯಿ, ಇದು ಮೆಳಕೆ, ಇದು ಹೊಳೆ ಇದು ಹೊಲ, ಇದು ಸಣ್ಣ ಎಲ್ಲ ಯಾವ ವಿಭವಾದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯಾಪನೂ ಮಾಡದೆ ಸಾವು ಅವರವರ ಕಾಲ ಬಂದಾಗ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಎತ್ತಕೊಂಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ

ಸಾವು ಯಾವಾಗ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ. ಇವ್ರು ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ, ಇವ್ರು ಏಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ... ಬಲ್ಲವರು ಯಾರು? ಸಾವು ವಿಧಿವಾಗದ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಒಡೆಯ ರಾಗದ ಒಗಟು. ಯಮಪಾಸ "ಯಮ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ" ಎಂದು ಕರೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಬಡಗಿ ಆ ಬಡಗಿ ಸೀಳಾದನೆಯ ವನದಲ್ಲಿ ತನಗೆ ಗಾಬರಿಯಾದಾಗ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಿಕೊಂಂಡು ಬರುತ್ತಾನಂತೆ. ಹುದ ಬಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆದಿರುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕಂಡಾಗ, ಟೆನ್ಷಾದ್ವೇಷದಿಂದ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಡಾಗ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿದು ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನಂತೆ ಆದರಿಂದ ಆವರಿಗೆ ನಿನ್ನು ಹಾಪಮೋಗ ಎಂದು: ಸಾವು ಕೇಳುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ ಕೇಳಿತೀರ್ಮಾನವಾಂತಿಲ್ಲ. ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾವು ಮೆಚ್ಚಿದೇನಾಯ್ತು "ಯಮನಿಗೆ ಗಡೆ-ಪಾಶ್ಕೆ ಬರಲಾಗಿ ಕುಡುಗೋಲು-ಕೊಡಲಿ ಎಂದಿರುವುದು ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಮಂಜ ಸವೆ ಅಲ್ಲವೆ? ಕುಡುಗೋಲು ಕೊಯ್ಯು ತ್ತದೆ. ಕೊಡಲಿ ಸೀಳುತ್ತದೆ. ಗಡೆ-ಪಾಶ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತವೆಂದೆ? ಇಲ್ಲವೆ ಅಲ್ಲ. ಇವ್ರು ಇವರ ಕೈಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂದು ಗಿರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಈ ಗೀತೆ ಯಮಧರ್ಮರಾಯನಿಗೂ ಒಬ್ಬ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯ ಮುಗ್ಧ ಗೃಹಿಣಿಗೂ ನಡುವೆ ನಡೆದ ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ಆ ಗೃಹಿಣಿ ಯಾದರೋ ಇನ್ನು ಯುವತಿ. ಒಂದು ಮುದ್ದಾದ ಗಂಡು ಮಗುವಿನ ತಾಯಿ. ಆದರೇ ಆಪ್ತರಲ್ಲೇ ಆಯಸ್ಕ್ಕ ತಿರಿ ಆವಳು ಯಮನ ಸೊತ್ತಾಗಿದ್ದಾಳೆ. ಆವ ಎನ್ನುವಷ್ಟರ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಗೃಹಿಣಿಗೂ ಯಮನಿಗೂ ನಡೆಯುವ ಈ ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ ಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ-

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ಕೊಳ್ಳಯ್ಯನೀರ-ಅಕಿರೀಟ

ಜವರಾಯ:ಕುಡಿಯೋಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಕೂರೋಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ.

ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಮನೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಚಪ್ಪರ ಹಬ್ಬದ ಸಡಗರ
ಬಿಟ್ಟಿಂಗೆ ಬರಲೋ- ಜವರಾಯ

ಜವರಾಯ:ಜಬ್ಬಲಮಾಡುವಂಥ ಫೂರಲಿಲುವೆ ಬರುತಾಳೆ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ

ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಮನೆ ಮಂಗಳ ಹಬ್ಬಕ್ಕೆ ಮಂಗಳ
ಮುಂಡಾಸಿನ ಗಂಡನ
ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೇಗೆ ಬರಲೋ!

ಜವರಾಯ:ಗಂಡಗೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತ
ದುಂಡೀದು ಬರುತಾಳೆ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ

ಗೃಹಿಣಿ: ಹಾಲೂಟಾನ ಉಂಣು
ತೋ ಮೇಲಾಡುವ
ಬಾಲನಿರುಬ್ಬು ಹೇಗೆ
ಬರಲೋ!

ಜವರಾಯ:ಬಾಲಗೆ ತಕ್ಕಂಥ
ಬಾಲೆರು ಬರುತಾರೆ
ಬಾಲನ ಮಡಿಕಿ ತೊಲೆ
ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ.

ಗೃಹಿಣಿ ವಿವಿಧ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಂಗಸಾಟುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ.

ಕಾಳುಡ್ಡಿಮಾರಿ ಕ್ಯಾಗ
ಮಡಿಡ್ಡಿ
ಕೆಟ್ಟಾಕ್ಕೊಂದರ ಳಿಗೆಗೆ ಇಳ್ಳಲ
ಲ್ಲವೋ! ಜವರಾಯ
ಬಟ್ಟೊಡಿ ಮೊಗೋ ಸಡಗರವೆ
ಉಳ್ಳುಸೊವ್ವೆ ಮಾರಿ ಉಜ್ಜರಿಗೆ
ಕಟ್ಟುಲ್ಲ
ಉಜ್ಜರಿಗೆ ಭೋಗ ಕಾಣಲಿಲ್ಲವೋ!
ಜವರಾಯ
ಉಜ್ಜರಿಂ ಹೋಗೋ ಸಡಗರವೇ.
ಉಳ್ಳು ಉಂಡೇನೆಂಂಯ ಬಟ್ಟೆಲ್ಲ ಕುಡಿಕೆ
ತಂದೆ.
ಹಣ್ಣಾಗಿ ಇದ್ದೆಯೋ ಜವರಾಯ!
ಮಾಡಿ ಉಂಡೆಗೇನೆಂಂಯ
ಮಾಡಿ ಕುಡಿಕೆ ತಂದೆ ಮಾಡಿಗಾ

ಇದ್ದೆಲ್ಲೋ ಜವರಾಯ
ಆಟೆ ಕೇರಿಂಲಿರೋ ಕಂಡೇರು
ಮಿಂಡೇರು

ಅವಮ್ಮಾರು ಕರೆಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗ ಬಾರದೇರು ಕಂಡೇರು ಮಂಡೇರು ಎಂದಿದ್ದು, ಸಮೃಂಂಯ ಗಂಡಾ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಈ ಗೀತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟೊಳ್ಳೆ ಭೋಗ ಭಾಗ್ಯಗಳಿದ್ದರು ಅವನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗಲೇ ಬೇಕೆಂಬ ನಿತ್ಯ ಸತ್ಯವನ್ನು ತಿಂಬಿದೆ "ಮರಣ" ಭಯವನ್ನು ಗೆಲ್ಲುಬೇಕೆಂಬ ತತ್ವ ಅಧಾತ್ಮಕ್ಕೆಗೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಇಂಥ ಮಹಾಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಡಿ ಜನಪದವನ್ನು ಗೆದ್ದ- ಕರೀಂಖಾನರು ಅಪರಿಷಾಕಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ "ವಾಕರ್" ಸಮಾಂಯದಿಂದ ಕುಟುಂತ್ತಾ ಸಾಗುವ ಈ ಹೃಗಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದು: ಸಾವಿರದ್ದೆನೂರು ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಮಾಸಾಶನ. ಇದೆ-ವೇವಾಗಾಧಾರ. ಬೆಂಕಳೂರಿಂಲಿರುವ ಜಾನಪದ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯಾರ್ ಮಾಸಾ ಮಸೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೊರದವರೆಗೂ ಬಂದ ವಾಸ. ಆ್ಯಂ-ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ನಡಿಸಿದಾ ಬರುವನ್ನೇ ಸಮಯಿಸಿ ಬಿಡ ಈ ಹಿರಿಯ ಚೇತನಕ್ಕೆ "ಸ್ವಂತ" ಮನೆಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಿ ಅದರ ಈ ಬಯಕೆಯನ್ನು ಈಡೇರಿಸ ಲೆಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ವಿನಂತಿ.

ಕಲ್ಲರಳಿ ಹೂವಾಗಿ

(3 ನೇ ಪುಟದಿಂದ)

ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಶುವಿನಂತಾಗಿ ವೃದ್ಧಾ ಪ್ಯ ಅವನನ್ನು ಗುರುವಾಗಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡು ಶ್ರದ್ಧೆಯಿಂದ ಶ್ರವಣಿಸಿ ಮರೆದಿಂಂಲಿ ಆಗಿ ಹಿವುದನ್ನು ಕಲಿತು ಗುರುವನ್ನು ಮೀರಿಯುವ ಶಿಷ್ಯವಿದ. ಚೇಂದ್ರನ ಚಮತ್ಕಾರವನ್ನು ಕಂಡ ಗುರು ಉಂಂರು ಸಾಲಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ ಇದರಿಂದ ಇವನು ಅಂಂಲಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಸೀನ್ಯತೆ: ವಿವಿಧ ಕಲಾಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ತೆತ್ತಲು ಪವಣಾಗಿ ಮೂರ್ನಾಲ್ಕು ವರ್ಷ ಆ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದ ಆದರ ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ಇವ್ರು, ಕೊಳಲಿ, ಗರುಡ, ಪಾಂಡವ, ಸವಿಲು, ಒಂಟಿ, ಗಂಂಯ ದೇಂಂಂಲ ಕೆತ್ತುವುದನ್ನು ಕರಿತ ಕೆತ್ತಿದ ಆ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪಟ್ಟಣದ ದೇವಿಯಿಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾರಲು ಹೋದಾಗ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದರ್ಗದವರಿಂದಲೂ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿಮ್ಮು ಬಂದ

ಜಾನಪದ ದಿಗ್ಗಜ ಡಾ॥ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಅವರೊಂದಿಗೆ

ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರದ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ. ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್(97 ವರ್ಷ) ನಿಜವಾದ ಅರ್ಥದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದ ಜಂಗಮ, ಜಾನಪದ ನಿಧಿ, ಜಾನಪದ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ, ನಡೆದಾಡುವ ಜಾನಪದ ವಿಶ್ವಕೋಶ. ಯಾವ ಆಕಾಡೆಮಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜಳ್ಳುಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸುತ್ತಿ ಜಾನಪದ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ, ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದವರು.

ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ರಮೇಶ್, ಪಾಸನ.

ಖಾದಿ ಬೀ ಖೋಸಿ, ಖಾದಿ ಬೀಜಬ್ಬು ಖಾದಿ ಬೀ ಖೈಸಾಮ.
ಅಚ್ಚು ಕಟ್ಟಾದ ಮೈಕಟ್ಟು ಮಲೆನಾಡ ಮೈಬಣ್ಣ, ಶಾಂತ, ಪ್ರಶಾಂತ ಮುಖವಲ್ಲಿ ಯಜ್ಞಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿಯ ವೇಲಿಕೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಏದ್ದು ನಿಲ್ಲುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆ ಸಭೆಯ ಹರ್ಷೋದ್ಗಾರ ಚಪ್ಪಾಳೆಯ ಮಹಾಪೂರ.

ರಾಗಿ ಕಲ್ಲಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಟಿಲ್ಲೀವ್ ನಮ್ಮ ಹಾಡು
ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಜಾತಿಯ ಬರಕೊಳ್ಳಿ
ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಜಾತಿಯ ಬರಕೊಳ್ಳಿ
ನಮ್ಮ ಹಾಡ
ಬಳ್ಳಕ್ಕೊಯ್ಯ ಅಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

ಇದು ನಾಂದಿಗೀತೆ, ಮೈದುಂಬುವಂಥ ಕಂಠಶ್ರೀಯಿಂದ ಈ ನೆಲದ ಮಾಣ್ಣಿನ ಸೊಗಡಿನ ಹಾಡು ಕೇಳಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದ್ದುಡಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಮೈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಿವಿ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಂತರ ಈ ವ್ಯಾಸಾ...

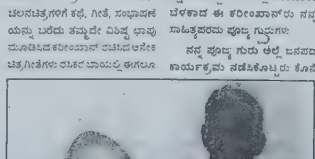
ರಾಗಿಕಲ್ಲಿನಿಂದ ಉಗುದುಗೊಂಡ ಹಾಡು, ಗಿತಗಳು ಬಲ್ಲಾಡಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಎಂದರೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾವಂತರು ಎನ್ನು ಬೇಕೋ ಆಮ್ಮ ಬರಕೊಳ್ಳಿ ಬಳ್ಳ ಬಳ್ಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತುಂಬ ತುಂಬ ಆಳಕ್ಕಿಳ್ಳಿ ಈ ಹಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಎಸ್ತುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಈ ಗೀತ-ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಇನ್ನು ಆನಾದಿಯವಿ ಎಂಬಾ ಈ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಗಳು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾಳೆ ಈ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಗಳು ಹೀಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಪುರಾವು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಲಾಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಹತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ಪದವ ಎತ್ತಿದ ಮೇಲೆ
ಬೇಸ್ಕೊಂಡು
ಮತ್ತೆ ಸಾವಿರಪದವ ಓಡಾಡಿಂದು:
ಕೋಲು
ಎಂಟು ಸಾವಿರಪದವ ಒಂಟಮೆಲ್
ಹೇಸ್ಕೊಂಡು
ಬಾವನ್ನ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬಂದೇವು
ಕೋಲೆ
ಕೋಲಿನ ಮೇಲೊಟ್ಟು ಬಳವನ್ನ
ಕೊಟ್ಟೊಂಡು
ಬಾಲಿ ಪದವ ಬದಕೊಂಡ
ಕೋಲೆ.

ಬಸವಣ್ಣನವರು ಹತ್ತೊಂಬತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ವಚನದ ಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಪ್ಪಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಎಂಬ ಪ್ರತೀತಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಳೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ; ಆದ್ದರಿಂದಲೇ ಅವರ ಬೆಚ್ಚಗಿನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಶ ಸುಂದರ. ಸುಳಿಗೆ ಸೈಲಾಯಿಲ್ಲ. ರಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಸಾವಿರಾರು ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಸುಲಿಗೊಂಡಿದೆ

ಶೈಶವಗೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಅಭಿಮಾನ; ನಾಡಕ ಕರ್ತವಾಗಿ ಹತ್ತಾರು ನಾಟಕ ಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿ ಕಂಪನಿ ನಾಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿದವರು. ಚಿತ್ರ ನಿರ್ಮಾಪಕರಾಗಿ ಸಾಹಸ ಚಿತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದವರು. ಚಿತ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತಿಯಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ಚಿತ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಥೆ, ಗೀತೆ, ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ ಯನ್ನು ಬರೆದು ತಮ್ಮದೇ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಧಾಟಿ ಮೂಡಿಸಿದಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ರವರು ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆಗಳು ರಚಿಸಲಾಯಿಲ್ಲ.ತಂಗಳೂರು ನಾಟಕ ಕಂಪನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಹಸ ಚಿತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿನಯಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 1947 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂತರ 1951ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಸ ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರ ಸ್ಪೌಢಶಾಲೆಗೆ ವ್ಯಾಯಾಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೀಕಾಖಾ ಬೆಳಕಿಗೆ ಈ ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್‌ರು ನನ್ನ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯದರು ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಗುರುಗಳು.

ನನ್ನ ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಗುರು ಆಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಪದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು ಕೊನೆ



ಎನ ಕೆ ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಅವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಶೇಖರ ಪೆಜ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮೀಕ್ಷ

ನದೆಯಾತ್ತುತ್ತಲೆ 'ಯಯಾಗಿರಿ ಜಗರಿ ಲ್ಲಿ' 'ಸಾಜಪ ಸಂಗಾಧಿ' 'ಸುಡಿಪುಜ ವಿಷಗಣ ಸಂಕೀರ್ತನೆ' ಹೊದಲಾದ ಹಾಡುಗಳ ಕರ್ತ ಇದರು. ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಪ್ರಶ್ತಿ ಜಾನಪದ ಪ್ರಶ್ತಿ, ಆಕಾಡೆಮಿಪ್ರಶ್ತಿ, ಡಾಕ್ಟರೇಟ್ ಗೌರವ, ಸಂದಿದ್ದರೂ ಮುಡಿದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಈ ಬಡಪಾಯಿ; ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸಮರದ ವೀರರೊಳಗೆ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಪದ ಗೀತಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಡುವುದರ ಮೂಲಕ ಜನರನ್ನು ಜಾಗೃತಿಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಆದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಈ ಸತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಮನಗಾಣದ ಇಲ್ಲದೆಇದ್ದಾದ್ದಿ. ವಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಆಪ್ಪಾಸನೆಯಂತೆ ಈಗಿನ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು "ಬಾಸೆ" ವೀಡುವ ಆಪ್ಪಾಸನೆ, ಆಪ್ಪಾಸನೆಯಾಗಿಯೇ ಉಳಿದಿರುವುದು ಶೋಚನೀಯ.

ಈ ಮಹಾನ್ ಚೇತನ, ವ್ಯಾತ್ಸ ಸೈಗಳೇಲು ನನಗೆ ಸಿಗಿಬಂಪಾದದ್ದು ಅಯಿ ಇದಿರಾ "ಜನಪಾಲ ಬಂದರೆ ಬರಿ ಕೈಲಿ ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲ" ಎಂಬ ಗೀತೆಯನ್ನು ಪಾಡಿದಲೆ ಬಡುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಆ ಮಹಿಳೆಯ ಪಾಡಿತ ಒಂಬ ಮೆಲಕು ಮುಂದಿದೆ.

ಬಮಬಾಯ ಬಂದರೆ ಬರಿ ಕೈಲಿ
ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲ
ಕುಡುಗೋಲು ಕೊಡಲೊಂದು
ಹೆಗಲಲಿ
ಒಕ್ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಮರವಕಡಿಬಂದ ಫಲಬಿಟ್ಟು
ಮರವಕಡಿ ಬಿಂದ
ಎಂಬು ಗೀತೆ ಆರಂಭವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಗೀತೆ ಯಮಧರ್ಮರಾಯನಿಗೂ ಒಬ್ಬ ಜಳ್ಳೆಯ ಮುಗ್ಧೆ ಗೃಹಿಣಿಗೂ ನಡುವೆ ನಡೆದ ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ಆ ಗೃಹಿಣಿ ಯಾದರೋ ಇನ್ನು ಯುವತಿ. ಒಂಬ ಮಾಲಾದಿ ಗಂಟು ಮಗುವಿನ ತಾಯಿ. ಆದರೆನು ಆಪ್ಪರಲ್ಲೇ ಆಯಸ್ಸನ್ನು ತೀರಿ ಆವಳು ಯಮನ ಸೊತ್ತಾಗಿದ್ದಾಳೆ ಆವ ಆಯಸ್ಸನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬಪ ರಾಯನೇ ಇಂದು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಲೋಕ ವ್ಯವಹಾರದ್ದೆಸ್ಸಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆವನು ನಿಸ್ಸಹಾಯಕ, ನಿರ್ಧನ, ಕೈಲಿ ಕುಡುಗೋಲು ಹಿಡಿದು ಕೊಂಡಿಹೆಗಲಲಿ ಬಂದಿರುವಂಬ ಒಳ್ಳೆಳ್ಳೆ ಮಾತುಗಳು ಫಲ ಬಿಡುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಫಲವತ್ತುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿದು ಕೊಂಡು ಮಾತ್ರಾಸ್ಸಿ ಬರಿಕ್ಕೆಲ ಬರುವವನೊಂ ಆಲ್ಲ ಬರಿಕ್ಕೈಲಿ ಹೋಗುವವನು ಅಲ್ಲ

ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನ... ಸಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ತಪ್ಪಿದ್ದಲ್ಲ"ಹುಟ್ಟುವಾಗಿಗೆ ಸಾವು ತಪ್ಪದು" ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಲೆ ಗೀತಾಸಾರವು "ಜಪುದರ್" ಎಂದು ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಲೆ ಆಮರಕೋಶ. ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ "ಡೆತ್ ಡಿ ದೆವಿಲೆಂಡ್" ಎಂಬ ಕವನ ಇದೇ ಅರ್ಥಕೊಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಾವು ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹಾಗೆ ಸರ್ವಸ್ವಾತ್ಯಾಗ ಇದು ಹೀಟು, ಇದು ಅಂಗಿ, ಇದು ಮೊಳೆ. ಇದು ಹೊಳೆ ಇದು ಹೆಣ್ಣು, ಇದು ಸುಣ್ಣ ಎಂಬು ಯಾವ ವಿಭಾಜನೆ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡದೆ ಸಾವು ಅವಮನ ಕಾಲ ಬಂದಾಗ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಎತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಾವು ಯಾವಾಗ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ, ಸಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ, ಸಾವು ಏಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ .. ಬಲ್ಲವರು ಯಾರು? ಸಾವು ದಿಡೀರಾಗದ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಒಡೆಯ ಲಾಗದ ಒಗಟು. ಯಮನನ್ನು "ಯಮ ಪಕ್ಷಿ" ಎಂದು ಕರೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪಕ್ಷಿ ಎಂದರೆ ಬಡಗಿ ಈ ಬಡಗಿ ಸಯಾರನೆಂಬ ವನದಲ್ಲಿ ತನಗೆ ಉಯ್ಯಲೆಗಾಗಿಯೂ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರುತ್ತಾನಂತೆ. ಖಜ ವಾಗಿ ದೇವರಿಂದ ವರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕಂಡಾಗ, ಬೆಣ್ಣಾದಪ್ಪೆದಿರುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಡಾಗ ಆವುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿದು ಕೊಂಡು ಮೋಸಗುತ್ತಾನಂತೆ ಆವರಿಂದ ಆವನಿಗೆ ಸಿಗು ಉಪಯೋಗ ಏನಂದು ಸಾವು ಕೇಳುವಂತಲಿದ್ದು ಕೇಳಿ ತಿಳಿಯುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದ್ದು ಸಾವು ಮುಚ್ಚಲಿಕ್ಕಾಗಿ "ಯಮನಿಗೆ ಸಿದ-ಸಾಚ್ಯ ಬದಲಾ ಕುಡುಗೋಲು-ಕೊಡಲೆ ಎಂದುರುವುದು ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಮಂಜ ಪೆಚ್ಚಲ್ಲವೆ? ಕುಡುಗೋಲು ಕೊಯ್ಯುತ್ತದೆ. ಕೊಚ್ಚಿ ಬೀಳ್ತುದೆ. ಗದೆ-ಖಾಡ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತವೆಯೆ? ಹಳ್ಳಯ ಅನಾಮಿಕ ಕವಿಗಳ್ಳಕ್ಕೆ ಆಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸಾವುತ್ತಿಲೆ ತೂಗಲೆ ತೀಳಲ್ಲವೆ?

ಆತ್ಮಾತ್ಮಾಗಿ ಆವತಿರಿದ ಜವ ರಾಯನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಂಡು ಗೃಹಿಣಿಗೆ ಗಾಬರಿ ಯಾಯಿತು. ಆದರೂ ತೊಳಗೊಡದೆ "ಆವಿರಿ ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಂ ಭವ" ಎಂಬ ಖಚ್ಚಿತಂತೆ ಅಯಚಿಸುವ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನೆ ಆಡಿದಳು. ಅವಳ್ಳಿವಾಗಿಗೆ ಅಂಜಲಿಲ್ಲ ಆಳುಕಲಿಲ್ಲ.

ಮಂಜಿ ವಿಕ್ಕೆಲ್ಲ ಕೆಲಸ ಮೆದೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು, ಬದು ಹೊರೆಯನ್ನು ನೇರ

ಎಮ್ಮವಜ್ಜರ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಗೃಹಿಣಿಗೂ ಯಮನಿಗೂ ನಡೆಯುವ ಈ ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ ಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ-

ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಎಂದೂ ಬಾರದ ಜವರಾಯ ಇಂದೇಕೆ ಬಂದೀರಿ
ಕೊಳ್ಳಯ್ಯನೀರ- ಕುಡಿನೀರ

ಜವರಾಯ:ಕುಡಿಯೋಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಕೊಡೋಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ
ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಮನೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಚಪ್ಪರ ಹುಲ್ಲ ಸಡಗರ
ಬಟ್ಟಿಲಿಗೆ ಬರಲೋ-ಜವರಾಯ
ಜವರಾಯ:ಹುಲ್ಲುಮಾಡುವಂಥ ಪುರುಟಲಿಲ್ ಬರುತಾರ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ
ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಮಳೆ ಮಳಿಗೆ ಹಚ್ಚಡ ಮಳಿಗೆ
ಮುಂಡಾಸಿನ ಗಂಡನ
ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಜೇಗೆ ಬರಲೋ!
ಜವರಾಯ:ಗಂಡಗೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತ ರುಂಡೇರು ಬರುತಾರ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ
ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಹಾಲೂಟಾನ ಉಂಡು ತೋಳ ಮೇಲಾಡುವ ಬಾಲಸಿರಿಬಿಟ್ಟು ಜೇಗೆ ಬರಲೋ!
ಜವರಾಯ:ಬಾಲೆಗೆ ತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಬಾಲೇರು ಬರುತಾರ
ಬಾಲನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ.
ಗೃಹಿಣಿ ವಿವಿಧ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಗಲಾಚುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ.
ಕಾಗುಕ್ಕಿಮಾರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ ಮಾಡಿರಿದ್ದೆ
ಟಟ್ಟಾಗ್ಯೊಂದರ ಳಗೆಗೆ ಇಕ್ಕಲಿ ಲ್ಲವೋ! ಜವರಾಯ
ಬಿಟ್ಟಿಷ್ಟಿ ಮೊಗೋ ಸಡಗರವೆ
ಹರಳುಹಿಟ್ಟುಮಾರಿ ವಾಲೆಯ ಮಾಡಿರಿದ್ದೆ
ವಾಲ್ಯೊಂದರ ಳಗೆಗೆ ಇಕ್ಕಲಿ ಲ್ಲವೋ!
ಜವರಾಯ
ಬಾಲಾತಿ ಹೊಗೋ ಸಡಗರವೆ
ಉಳ್ಳುಸೊವ್ವು ಮಾರಿ ಉಳ್ಳರಿಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಿದ್ದೆ
ಉಜ್ಜರಿಗೆ ಭೋಗ ಕಾಣಲಿಲ್ಲವೋ!
ಜವರಾಯ
ಉತ್ತರಿ ಹೋಗೋ ಸಡಗರವೆ.
ಉಜ್ಜು ಉಂಡೇನೆಂಬು ಬಟ್ಟೀ ಕುಡಿಕೆ ತಂದೆ
ಸಜ್ಜಾಗಿ ಇದ್ದೆಲ್ಲೋ ಜವರಾಯ!
ಮಾಡಿ ಉಂಡೇನೆಂಬು
ಮಡಕೆ ಕುಡಿಕೆ ತಂದೆ ಮಾಡಿಗೆ

ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲೋ ಜವರಾಯ.
ಆಟೆ ಕೇರಿಲಿರೊಂ ರಂಡೀದು
ಮಿಂಡೀದು

ಆವರ್ಯಾರು ಕರಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗ ಬಾರದೇ ರಂಡೀದು ಮಿಂಡೀದು ಎಂದಿದು; ನಮ್ಮೋರು ನಂಡನ ಮಡಿದ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ

ಈ ಗೀತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಭೋಗ ಭಾಗ್ಯಗಳಿದ್ದರು ಆವೆಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗಲೇ ಬೇಕೆಂಬ ವಿಷ್ಣ ಸತ್ಯವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಪಿದೆ "ಮರಣ" ಭಯವನ್ನು ಗೆಲ್ಲಬೇಕೆಂಬ ತತ್ವ ಅಧಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಗೊಂಡಿದೆ ಇಂಥ ಮಹಾಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಡಿ ಜನಮನವನ್ನು ಗೆದ್ದ ಕರೀಂಖಾನರು ಅಕಾಖಾತ್ಮಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ "ಡಾಕರ್" ಸಮಾಯದಿಂದ ಕುಂಟುತ್ತಾ ಸಾಗುವ ಈ ತ್ಯಾಗಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ-ಖಿಜಿತ್ರಿರುವುದು ಬಾರಿದ್ದೆನೂರು ಪಾಪಾಕರ ಇದೇ ಜೀವನಾದಾರ ಬೆಣ್ಣೂಕರಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸೋಲಾಪ್ಪೆಗಳಾಗಿ ಖಾನರ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗ ಇದರ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ "ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ" ಮನೆಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಕಡುಗು. ಆದರ ಈ ಬಡಜೀವನವು ಈಡೇರಿಸ ಲೆಂಬು ಪುಟ್ಟ ವಿಷಯ.

ಕಲ್ಲರಳಿ ಹೂವಾಗಿ

(2 ನೇ ಪುಟದಿಂದ)

ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿರಿಯವನಾಗಿ ದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಅವನನ್ನು ಗುರುವಾನಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡು ಶ್ರದ್ಧೆಯಿಂದ ಶ್ರಮವಹಿಸಿ ಕಿಷ್ಟುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿರಿಯವನಾಗಿ ದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಅವನನ್ನು ಗುರುವಾನಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡು ಶ್ರದ್ಧೆಯಿಂದ ಶ್ರಮವಹಿಸಿ ಕಿಷ್ಟುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮೆರಿದಿಂದ ಆನೆ ಕಿಷ್ಟುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕರಿಯ ಬೆರಿಸಿಂದ ಕಿಷ್ಟುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿಷ್ಟುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿಷ್ಟುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ

ಜಾನಪದ ದಿಗ್ಗಜ ಡಾ॥ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಅವರೊಂದಿಗೆ

ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರದ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ. ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್(97 ವರ್ಷ) ನಿಜವಾದ ಅರ್ಥದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದ ಜಂಗಮ, ಜಾನಪದ ನಿಧಿ, ಜಾನಪದ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ, ನಡೆದಾಡುವ ಜಾನಪದ ವಿಶ್ವಕೋಶ. ಯಾವ ಆಕಾಡೆಮಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸುತ್ತಿ ಜಾನಪದ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ, ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದವರು.

ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ರಮೇಶ್, ಹಾಸನ.

ಬಾಡಿ ಬೀ ಜೋಸಿ, ಬಾಡಿ ಬೀಗಾಬುಟ್ಟು, ಬಾಡಿ ಬೀ ಪೈಜಾವು.
ಅಚ್ಚು ಕಟ್ಟಾದ ಮೈಕಟ್ಟು, ಮಲೆನಾಡ ಮೈಬಣ್ಣ, ತಾಂತ್ರ, ಪ್ರಕಾಂತ ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಗ್ಧತೆಗಳು ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಎದ್ದು ನಿಲ್ಲುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆ ಶಬ್ದಿಯ ಸರ್ಮೋದ್ಗಾರ ಚಪ್ಪಾಳೆಯ ಮಹಾಪೂರ.

ರಾಗಿ ಕಲ್ಲಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಚೆಲ್ಲಿದಪ್ಪು ಸಮ
ಹಾಡು
ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಜಾಣಾರು ಬರಕೊಳ್ಳಿ
ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಜಾಣಾರು ಬರಕೊಳ್ಳಿ
ಸಮಾಜ
ಬಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕೊಂಡು ಆಳಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

ಇದು ನಾಂದಿಗೀತೆ. ವ್ಯವಹಾರದ ಕಂಠಶ್ರೀಯಂದ ಈ ನೆಲದ ಪಾರಂಪರಿಕ ಹೊಗಡಿನ ಹಾಡು ಕೇಳಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆ ಸಭೆಯ ಸಮಸ್ತರೂ ಸ್ತಬ್ಧರಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆ. ಮೈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಿವಿ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ನಂತರ ಈ ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನ -

ರಾಗಿಳಲ್ಲಿನಿಂದ ಉಗಮಗೊಂಡಂಥ ಹಾಡು, ಗೀತೆಗಳು ಛಿದ್ರಾಡಿ ಹೋಗಲಿತ್ತಿವೆ. ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಎಂದರೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾವಂತರು ಎನ್ನು ಬೇಕೋ ಅಷ್ಟು ಬರಕೊಳ್ಳಿ; ಬಳ್ಳ ಬಿಳ್ಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಂದಿ ತುಂಬಿ ಆಳಕೊಳ್ಳಿ ಈ ಹಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ಈ ಗೀತ-ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಇಷ್ಟು ಆಗಾಧವಾಗಿಸಿ ಏಂಜು ಈ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಗಳು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ಈ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಗಳು ಬೇಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ವುದುದರು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೊಲಾಬಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ

ಹತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ಪದದ ವಿಷ್ಣಪ ಮೇಲೆ
ಬೇರೊಂಭು
ಮತ್ತೆ ಸಾವಿರದಪದ ವಿಡತಿರುಂಡು
ಕೋಲೆ
ವಿಂಬು ಸಾವಿರದನ ವಿಂಬಪೆಲೆ
ಹೇರೊಂಭು
ಬಸವಣ್ಣ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬಂದೆಲ್ಲ,
ಕೋಲೆ.
ಕೋರನ ಮೇರೊಬ್ಬ ಬಗವಣ್ಣ
ಕೊಡೊಂಭು
ಲಾಲಿಸಿ ಪದದ ಬಕಕೂಡ
ಕೋಲೆ..

ಬಸವಣ್ಣನವರಂಥ ಹತ್ತೊಂಬತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ಜನಪದ ಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಎಂಬ ಪ್ರತೀತಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಳೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದಲೇ ಆಪ ರೆಚಕಗಳು ಪದಳ ಸುಂದರ, ಸಭ್ಯಾ ಳ್ಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಸಾಲುಸಾಲಾಗಿ ಸುಸೆರೆಂದಿದೆ

ಶೈತರಿಗೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಎತ್ತು ಆಧಿಮಾನ, ನಾಟಕ ಕರ್ತರಾಗಿ ಹತ್ತಾರು ನಾಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ಆದರಲ್ಲೂ ಕಂಪನಿ ನಾಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸುವುದರು. ಚಿತ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯವಿಗಿನಿಂದ ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಸೆ, ಗೀತೆ, ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆಯನ್ನು ಬರೆದು ತಮ್ಮದೇ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಭಾಷಾ ಮಾಡಿದವರೆಂಬಾಖಾನ್ ರಚಿಸಿದಅನೇಕ ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆಗಳು ರಸಿಕರ ಬಾಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಲೂ

ಖಾನ್ ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಜನಪದವಿದ ಡಾ॥ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಲ್ ಪರಮೇಶ್

ನಲೆದಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆ. 'ಬಯಗೆಲು ನಗರ' 'ಸಚಿವರ ಗಂಗಾವರ' 'ಸಾಧಿಪರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು' 'ಸಚಿವರ ಗಂಗಾವರ' ಸೊಡಲಿನ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪರಂಕಿರ್ತನ' ಸೊಡಲಿನ ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಒಂದು ಮೆಲುಕು ಮಂದಿನೆ-

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ಒಕ್ಕಿಲಿಮರಪ ಕಡಿಬಂದ ಫಲ ಬಟ್ಟು
ಮರಪ ಕಡಿ ಬಂದ
ಎಂದು ಗೀತೆ ಆರಂಭವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಗೀತೆ ಯಮಧರ್ಮರಾಯನಿಗೂ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹೆಳ್ಳಿಯ ಮುಗ್ಧೆ ಗೌರಿಗೂ ನಡುವೆ ನಡೆದ ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದೆ. ಆ ಗೌರಿಗೆ ಯಾರೋ ಇನ್ನು ಯುವತಿ ಒಂಭು ಮುದ್ದಾದ ಗಂಡು ಮಗುವಿನ ತಾಯಿ. ಆದರೆಗೂ ಅಪ್ಪರಲ್ಲೇ ಆಯುಷ್ಯ ಶೀರಿ ಅವಳು ಯಮನ ಜೊತ್ತಾಗಿದ್ದಾಳೆ. ಅವ ಳಷ್ಟು ಸ್ವಾರೀತ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಜವ ನಾಯನೇ ಇಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಲೋಕ ವ್ಯವಹಾರದಕ್ಷಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವನು ನಿಷ್ಣಾತ. ನಿರ್ದಯ, ಕ್ರೌರ್ಯ ಕುಡುಗೋಲು ಹಿಡಿದು ಹಿಡಿಂಬಿಗೆಲೆರಿಬಂದನೆಂದರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಳ್ಳೆ ಮಲಗಳನ್ನು ಫಲ ಬಡುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಫಲಬತ್ತಿರುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿದು ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಬರಕ್ಕೆಲಿ ಬರುವವರೂ ಅಲ್ಲ ಬರಕ್ಕೆಲಿ ಹೋಗುವವನು ಅಲ್ಲ.

ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನ... ಸಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ತಪ್ಪಿದ್ದಲ್ಲ "ಹುಟ್ಟುವಿಗೆ ಸಾವು ತಪ್ಪದು" ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಿವೆ ಗೀತಾ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ "ಗವರ್ನರ್" ಎಂದು ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ ಆದರೆಕೀರ್ತಿ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ "ಡೆತ್ ಐ ಲೆವೆಲ್ಲ್" ಎಂಬ ಕವಿತೆ ಇದೆ ಅರ್ಥಕೊಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಾವು ಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಹಾಗೆ ಸರ್ವಾಧ್ಯಾಕ್ಷ ಇದು ಹೀಗು, ಇದುಹಾಯಿ, ಇದು ಮೊಳಕೆ, ಇದು ಕೊಳೆ ಇದು ಹೆಣ್ಣು, ಇದು ಸಣ್ಣ ಎಲು ಯಾವ ವಿಧವಾದ ವೃತ್ತಾಸವನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡದೆ ಸಾವು ಆವಸಾನಕಾಲ ಬಂದಾಗ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಎತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ

ಸಾವು ಯಾವಾಗ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ, ಸಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ, ಸಾವು ಏಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ.. ಬಲ್ಲವರು ಯಾರು? ಸಾವು ವಿಚಿತ್ರಂಗದ ಸದುಕ್ಕೆ ಒಡಿಯಾಗದೆ ಬಂಗಬು ಯಮನನ್ನು "ಯಮ ತಕ್ಕಳ್" ಎಂದು ಕರೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕಕ್ಕಲ ಎಂದರೆ ಬಡಗಿ ಈ ಬಡಗಿ ಸಂಜಾರವೆಲ್ಲ ದಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಹನಗೆ ಗಾಣಯೊಗಾಗಿಸುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರುತ್ತಾನಂತೆ. ಹಣ ಬಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆದಿರುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕಂಡಾಗ, ಚೆಲ್ಲಾದ ವೃತ್ತವಿರುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಡಾಗ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿದು ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆಂತೆ ಆದರಿಂದ ಅವನಿಗೆ ನಿನು ಅಶರೀರಗಳ ಎಂದು ನಾವು ಕೀಳುವಯಿಲ್ಲ ಕೀಳಿತಿಯುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲ ನಾವು ಮೆಚ್ಚುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ. "ಯಮನಿಗೆ ನಿನೆ- ಬಾಚ್ಚೆ ಬದರಾಗಿ ಕುಡುಗೋಲು- ಕೊಡಲಿ ಎಂದಿರುವುದು ಎನ್ನು ಸಮಂಜಸ ಚಿತ್ರ ಅಲ್ಲವೆ? ಕುಡುಗೋಲು ಕೊಯ್ಯು ತ್ತದೆ. ಕೊಡಲಿ ಸೀಳುತ್ತದೆ. ಗದೆ- ಪಾಶ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತವೆಯೆ? ಹಳ್ಳಿಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಷಿಯನ್ನರಿಗೆ ಜ್ಞಕ್ಕಿಗೆಸಿಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲವೆ? ಹಾಳೆಗೆ ಬರೆಯಲ್ಪಡದೆ ಹೋಗಿರಬೇಕಲ್ಲವೆ?

ಆಕಸ್ಮಾತ್ತಾಗಿ ಅವತರಿಸಿದ ಜವ ನಾಯನಮ್ಮ ಕಂಡು ಸ್ಥಳಿಗೆಗೆ ಗಾಬರಿ ಯಾಯಿತು. ಅದರೂ ತೊರಗೊಡದೆ "ಅವಿಧಿ ಬೆಸೊ ಧರ್" ಎಂಬ ವಾಕ್ಯದಂತೆ ಅಯಸಿಯವನ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನೆ ಆಡಿದಳು. ಬಯಕ್ಕೆಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಅಂಜಲಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂಜಿಳಲ್ಲ.

ಮುಂದೆ ವಿತ್ತೆಸಾಗಿಯೆ ದೇವ ನಿಷ್ಟನಾಗಿಗೆ ಹತ್ತಾರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಉತ್ತರಗಳು ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುವಂಥ ಸರಳ ಭಾಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿವೆ. ಅವಳ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಮನು ಉತ್ತರಿಸುವಾಗ ಅವನ ಅಂತರಂಗದ ಮಾತುಗಳು ಹೊರಬರುತ್ತವೆ. ಅವನ ಮಾತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾವಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವನಿಗಿರುವ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳು ಹೊರಬರುತ್ತವೆ. ಅವನ ಮಾತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅವನ ಕಾಯಕದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವನಿಗಿರುವ ಅಭಿಮಾನ ಹೊರಬರುತ್ತದ

ಜಾನಪದ ದಿಗ್ಗಜ ಡಾ॥ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಅವರೊಂದಿಗೆ

ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರದ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ. ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್(97 ವರ್ಷ) ನಿಜವಾದ ಅರ್ಥದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡನಾಡಿನ ಜಾನಪದದ ಜಂಗಮ, ಜಾನಪದದ ನಿಧಿ, ಜಾನಪದದ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ, ನಡೆದಾಡುವ ಜಾನಪದದ ವಿಶ್ವಕೋಶ, ಯಾವ ಆಕಾಡೆಮಿಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸುತ್ತಿ ಜಾನಪದ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ, ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದವರು.

ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ರಮೇಶ್, ಪಾಸನ.

ಖಾದಿ ಬೀಳ ತೋಪಿ, ಖಾದಿ ಬೀಜುಬ್ಬ, ಖಾದಿ ಬೀಳ ಪೈಜಾಮ. ಅಚ್ಚು ಕಟ್ಟಾದ ಮೈಕಟ್ಟು ಮಲೆನಾಡ ಮೈಬಣ್ಣ, ಶಾಂತ, ಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಮುಖಮಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಗ್ಧನಗು ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಎದ್ದು ನಿಲ್ಲುತ್ತಿದಂತೆ ಸಭೆಯ ಹರ್ಷೋದ್ಗಾರ ಚಪ್ಪಾಳೆಯ ಮಹಾಪೂರ.

ನಾನಿ ಕಲ್ಲನ ಮೇಲೆ ಚೆಲ್ಲೀರವು ನಮ್ ಹಾಡು
ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಜಾಣಾರು ಬರಲೊಳ್ಳೆ
ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಜಾಣಾರು ಬರಲೊಳ್ಳೆ
ನಮ್ ಹಾಡ
ಬಳ್ಳಕ್ಕೊಂಯ ಅಳಕೊಳ್ಳ
ಇದು ನಾಂದಿಗೀತೆ, ಬೈರುದುಮ್ಮರ ಕಂಠಶ್ರೀಯಿಂದ ಈ ನೆಲದ ವಾಗ್ದೇವಿ ಸೊಗಡಿನ ಹಾಡು ಕೇಳಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿದಂತೆ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದ್ದುಡಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಮೈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಿವಿ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಂತರ ಈ ವ್ಯಾಸಾಸ

ರಾಗಿಕಲ್ಲಿನಿಂದ ಉಗುಮಿಗೊಂಡ ಹಾಡು, ಗಿತ್ತಿಗಳು ಬೆಲ್ಲಾಡಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಬಲ್ಲಂಥ ಎಂದರೆ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರು ಎಷ್ಟು ಬೇಕೋ ಅಷ್ಟು ಬರಕೊಳ್ಳಿ ಬಳ್ಳ ಬಳ್ಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತುಂಬ ತುಂಬ ಅಳಕೊಳ್ಳಿ ಈ ಜಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಎಷ್ಟುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ಈ ಗೀತ-ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಇಷ್ಟು ಅಗಾಧವಾಗಿವೆ ಎಂಬ ಈ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಗಳು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ಈ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಗಳು ಹೀಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಪುರುಷರು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಲಾಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

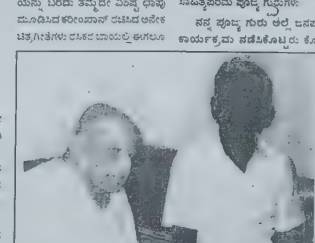
ಹತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ಪದವ ಎತ್ತಿದ ಮೇಲೆ
ಬೇಸ್ಕೊಂಯ
ಮತ್ತೆ ಸಾವಿರಪದವ ಹಿಡಕೊಂಯ.
ಕೋಲ
ಎಂಟು ಸಾವಿರಪದವ ಒಂಟಿಮೇಲೆ
ಬೇಸ್ಕೊಂಯ
ಬಾಮಣ್ಣ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬಂಜೆವ್ರು.
ಕೋಲೆ.
ಕೋಲಿನ ಮೇಲೊಂದು ಬಾವುಗ
ಕೊತ್ಕೊಂಯ
ಉಂಬಿ ಪದವ ಬರಕೊಂಡ
ಕೋಲ

ಬಹುಪಾಲು ಸಮಯ ಹತ್ತೊಂಬತ್ತು ಶಾಪಿರಿ ಜನಪದ ಗೀತಗಳನ್ನು ಆಲ್ಬಂ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಗಳಿಯಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದಲೇ ಆದರ ದತಕಗಳು ಸರಳ ಸುಂದರ, ಸುಗಂಧ ಲೈಲಿಲ್ಲ, ರಚಕವಾಗಿ ಸಿಸಮಾಜವನ್ನು ಸೊಗಸೊಂದಿವೆ.

ಖೈದಿಗೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅಭಿಮಾನ, ನಾಟಕ ಕರ್ತವಾಗಿ ಹತ್ತಾರು ನಾಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿದವರು. ಚಿತ್ರ ನಾಟಿಯಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಥೆ, ಗೀತೆ, ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆಯನ್ನು ಬರೆದು ತಮ್ಮದೇ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಧಾಟಿ ಮೂಡಿಸಿದರು ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ರಚಿಸಿದ ಅನೇಕ ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆಗಳು ರಸಿಕರ ಬಾಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಸಿರಾಗಿ ನಲಿದಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ "ಜಯಗಳ್ರು ಜಗದೀಶ್ವರ" 'ನವಚರ ಗಂಗಾಧರ' 'ನಾಡಿದೀನ ಶಿವಗಂಗಾ ಸಂಕೀರ್ತನ' ಮೊದಲಾದ ಹಾಡುಗಳ ಕರ್ತೃ ಇವರು. ರಾಜ್ಯಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಜಾನಪದ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಡಾಕ್ಟರೇಟ್ ಗೌರವ, ಸಂದಿದ್ದರೂ ಮಡಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಬಡಜಾಯ; ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸಮರದ ಹೋರಾಟ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಗೀತಗಳು ಹಾಡು ವುದರ ಮೂಲಕ ಜನರನ್ನು ಜಾಗೃಯಿಸಿ ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದ ಕಿಚ್ಚನ್ನು ಹಚ್ಚಿದ ವೀರಪುರುಷ ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಅವರು. ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸಂಗ್ರಾಮದ ವೀರ ಯೋಧ ರಾಗಿ ಹತ್ತಾರು ಬಾರಿ ತುರಂಗ ವಾಸ ಅನುಭವಿಸಿದವರು ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠಾಚಾರ ಸೇವಾಪರಾಯಣ ಮಹಾನ್ ಸಂಪ್ರೇಷಕ ಕಟ್ಟಾ ಬೆಳಗಲು ತಮ್ಮನ್ನೇ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ನಿಸ್ವಾರ್ಥ ಕರ್ಮಿಗಳು.

1947 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರ 1951ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಪ ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರ ಪೌರಾಡಳಿಗೆ ಮ್ಯಾಯಾಮ ರಿಕ್ಷಕನಾಗಿದ್ದ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರುಣಾಳು ದೇಕಾದ ಈ ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್‌ರು ಸಜ್ಜ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಪರಿಷತ್ತು ಪುಷ್ಪ ಗುಚ್ಛಗಳು

ನಸ್ಸ ಸ್ಥೂಲ್ ಗುರು ಆಲ್ಲ ಜನಪದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ನಡಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು ಕೊಡಿ



ಎಸ್ ಕೆ ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಅವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲೇಖಕ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ರಮೇಶ್

ಆನ್ನು ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿಯ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಜನ ಸಾಯನೇ ಇಂದು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಲೋಕ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವನು ನಿಷ್ಪ್ರಯೋಜಕ, ನಿರ್ಜೀವಿ, ಕೈಲಿ ಕುಡುಗೋಲು ಕೊಡಿಲಿ ಹಗೆರಿಲು ಬಂದನೆಂದರೆ ಒಳ್ಳಿಳ್ಳೆ ಮಠಗಳನ್ನು ಳಲ ಬಿಡುವ ಮಠಗಳನ್ನು ಫಲಬಿತ್ತುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಠಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿದು ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆ ಬಕ್ಕಿಲ ಬರುವವನೂ ಆಲ್ಲ ಬರಿಕ್ಕೆಲ ಹೋಗುವವನು ಅಲ್ಲ.

ದ್ಯಾನ್ಮಾ... ಸಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ತಪ್ಪುದ್ದಲ್ಲ"ಹುಟ್ಟವವರೆಗಾವ ತಪ್ಪದ್ದು" ಎನ್ನುತ್ತದೆ ಗೀತಾ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ "ಸಮರ್ಪ" ಎಂದು ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ ಆಮರಕೋಶ. ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ "ಡೆತ್ ಇ ಲೆವೆಲ್" ಎಂಬ ಅವನ ಇದೇ ಅರ್ಥವಿಕೊಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಾವು ಬೆಂಕಿಯು ಹಾಗೆ ಸರ್ವವ್ಯಾಸಿ ಇದು ಹಿಟು, ಇದುಕಾಯಿ, ಇದು ಬೊಳೆ, ಇದು ಕೊಳೆ ಇದು ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಇದು ಸನ್ನ ಎಂಬ ಯಾವ ವಿಧವಾದ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡದಿರುವ ಅವರ್ಣನೀಯ ಕಲಾಲಂಬಾಗಿ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಎತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಾವು ಯಾವಾಗ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ, ಸಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ, ಸಾವು ಏಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೋ... ಬಲ್ಲವರು ಯಾರು? ಸಾವು ವಿಜಿಸರಾಗದ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಒಡಿಯ ಲಾಗದ ಒಗಟು ಯಮನನ್ನು "ಯಮ ಪ್ರಭೆ" ಎಂದು ಕರಿದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕಪ್ಪೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಬಡಗಿ ಈ ಬಡಗಿ ಸಂಸಾರವೆಲ್ಲಾ ವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಸಗೆ ಉಪಯೋಗವಾಗುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರುತ್ತಾನಂತೆ ಯಜ ವಾಗಿ ಬೆಳಿರುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕಂಡಾಗ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಾರಪ್ಪನಿರುವ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಡಾಗ ಅವುಗಳತ್ತ ಕಡಿದ ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನಂತೆ ಆದರಿಂದ ಆವನಿಗೆ ನಿನು ಉಪಯೋಗ ಎಂದು ಸಾವು ಕೀಲುಪತ್ರಿ ಕೇಳಿ ತಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾವು ಮೆಚ್ಚಬೇಕಾದ್ದು "ಯಮನಿಗೆ ಸಮ-ಪಾಪ್ಯ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಕುಡುಗೋಲು-ಕೊಡಲಿ ಎಂದಿರುವುದು ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಮಂಜ ಸವೆ ಅಲ್ಲವೆ? ಕುಹಾಲಿಲಾ ಕೊಯ್ಯು ತ್ತದೆ. ಕೊಡಲಿ ಬಿಗಿತ್ತದೆ ಗಡೆ-ಪಾಶ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತವೆಯೆ? ಹಳ್ಳಿಯ ಅನುಭವಿಕಿಗಳ್ಳಕ್ಕಿ ಪ್ರಚ್ಛನ್ನವಾಗಿ ಸಾವು ತಂಬಲೆ ಬೇಕಲ್ಲವೆ?

ಆಆಸ್ಮಾತ್ತಾಗಿ ಅವತರಿಸಿದ ಜನ ತಾಯಿಯನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಸ್ಥಂಭಿಗೆ ಗಾಬರಿ ಯಾಯಿತು. ಆದರೂ ತೊರಗೊಡದೆ "ಅವಿಧಿದೆಧೂ ಭವೆ" ಎಂಬಾಕ್ಷರಂತೆ ಅವಮೆಯಿದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಸ್ಪೆ ಆಡಿದಳು. ತದನಂತರ ಅಜ್ಜಿಯ ಅಳಿಕಲ್ಲು ಆವಳು ಯಮನ ಪೊತ್ತಾನಿದ್ದಾಳೆ. ಆವ ಎಷ್ಟುವರ್ಷ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಗೃಹಿನಿಗೂ ಯಮನಿಗೂ ನಡೆಯುವ ಆ ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ ಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ-

ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಎಂದೂ ಬಾರದ ಬಾರದ ಜವರಾಯ ಇಂದೇಕೆ ಬಂದೀರಿ
ಓಳ್ಳಳ್ಯುವೀರ-ಕುಡಿನೀರ

ಜವರಾಯ:ಕುಡಿಯೋಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಕೊಡೋಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ.
ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಮನೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಚಿಪ್ಪರಿಗೆ ಹಬ್ಬುವ ಸಡಗರ
ಬಚ್ಚಿಲಿಗೆ ಬರಲೋ-ಜವರಾಯ.
ಜವರಾಯ:ಹಬ್ಬುಮಾಡುವಂಥ ಪುಡಲೆಲವೆ ಬರುತಾಲೆ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ
ಗೃಹಿಣಿ:ಮಳೆ ಮೊಳಗೆ ಹಚ್ಚಡ ಮಳಗೆ ಮುಂಡಾಸಿನ ಗಂಡನ
ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೇಗೆ ಬರಲೋ!
ಜವರಾಯ:ಗಂಡಗೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತ ದುಂಡಿಗು ಬರುತಾಲೆ
ಗಂಡನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ
ಗೃಹಿಣಿ: ಹಾಲೂಟಾನ ಉಂಡು ತೋಳ ಮೇಲಾಡುವ
ಬಾಲಸಿರಿಟ್ಟು ಹೇಗೆ ಬರಲೋ!
ಜವರಾಯ:ಬಾಲಲೆಗೆ ತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಬಾಲಲೆಯ ಬರುತಾಲೆ
ಬಾಲನ ಮಡದಿ ನಡೆ ಮುಂದೆ.

ಗೃಹಿಣಿ ವಿವಿಧ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಗಲಾಚುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಳಕಡ್ಡಿಮಾರಿ ಕಟ್ಟುನ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದೆ
ಕೆತ್ತಾಗ್ಳೊಂದರ ಳಗೆಗೆ ಇಳ್ಳಲಿ ಉಳ್ಳಲಿ ಪುಲೆಯೆ! ಜವರಾಯ
ಬಿಟ್ಟೊಡಿ ಹೊಗೆಗೂ ಸಡಗರವೆ
ಹರೆಬಡಿತ್ತಿಮಾರಿ ವಾಲೆಯ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದೆ
ಮಲ್ಗೊಂದರ ಳಗೆಗೆ ಇಳ್ಳಲಿ ಉಳ್ಳಲಿ ಪುಲೆಯೆ!
ಜವರಾಯ
ವಾಲಾಡಿ ಹೊಗೆಗೂ ಸಡಗರವೆ
ಉಪ್ಪುಸೊಪ್ಪೆ ಮಾರಿ ಉಪ್ಪರಿಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಿದ್ದೆ
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ಜವರಾಯ
ಉಪ್ಪರಿಂ ಹೊಗೆಗೂ ಸಡಗರವೆ.
ಆಟ್ಟು ಉಂಡೆಗೆಂಬ ಬಟ್ಟೀ ಕುಡಿಕೆ ತಂದೆ.
ಹಟ್ಟುಗ ಇದ್ದೆಲ್ಲೂ ಜವರಾಯ!
ಮಾಡಿ ಉಂಡೆನೆಂಬು
ಮಡಕೆ ಕುಡಿಕೆ ತಂದೆ ಮಾಡಾಗಿ

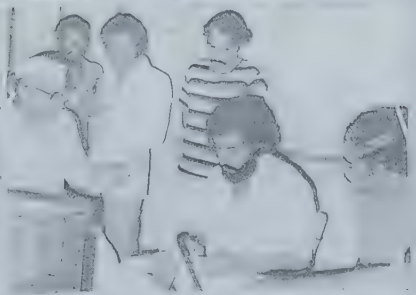
ಇದ್ದೆಲ್ಲೋ ಜವರಾಯ.
ಆಟೆ ಕೆರಿಂಬೆರೂ ರಂಡೀರು
ಮಂಡೀರು

ಅವರ್ಯಾರು ಕರಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಲು ಬಾರದೀ ರಂಡೀರು ಮಂಡೀರು ಎಂದಿದ್ದು ನಬ್ಬೋಗು ಗಂಡ ಮಡದಿ ಜಡೆ ಮುಂಡೆ ಈ ಗೀತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಭೋಗ ಭಾಗ್ಯಗಳಿದ್ದರು ಅವನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೊಗಲಿದೇ ಬೇಸರ ಸಿಸಿಸಿಲ್ಲ ಬದುಕಿನ ಸತ್ಯ ಪಠಿಸಿಲಿದೆ "ಮರಣ" ಭಯವನ್ನು ಗೆಲ್ಲಬಕೆಂಬ ತತ್ವ ಅಧಿಷ್ಠಕ್ಕೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಇಂಥ ಮತ್ತಾಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಡಿ ವಿಸರಿಸಿ.

ಕಲ್ಲರಳಿ ಹೂವಾಗಿ

(ಎ ಪೇ ಶ್ರಮದಿಂದ)

ಮಯಿಸಬಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿರಿಯವಿಸಾಗಿ ದ್ದರೂ ಸಜ ಆವನನ್ನು ಗುರುವಾಗಿ ಕೊಂಡು ಶ್ರದ್ಧೆಯಿಂದ ಕ್ರಮವಿಟ್ಟು ಮಲಿಂದ ಆಗ ಕಿತ್ತುವುದನ್ನು ಕಲಿತು ಗುರುವಿಷ್ಟು ಮೀರಿದಿದ ಶಿಷ್ಯನಾದ. ಚೇಂಲ್ಲಸ ಚಮತ್ಕಾರವನ್ನು ಕಂಡ ಗುರು ಊಟು ಮಾಲಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ ಇದಿಂದ ಇವನ ಅಂಜಲಿಲ್ಲ ತಾನೇ ಸ್ವತಃ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆತ್ತಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದ ಮೂರ್ನಾಲ್ಕು ವರ್ಷ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದ. ಆದರ ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ಆನೆ, ಕುಕ್ಕರಿಗರುಡ, ಪಾರಿವಾಳ, ನವಿಲು, ಒಟ್ಟೆ, ಗಂಡು ಬೆರುಂಡ ಕೆತ್ತುವುದನ್ನು ಕಲಿತ ಕೆತ್ತಿದ ಆ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖಲ್ಲಣ ಬೀರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾರಲು ಹೋದಾಗ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರೀತಿಯಿಂದಲೂ ಅವನ ತಪ್ಪಿ ಅರಿವಿಲ್ಲದ ತೊರ್ಪಾಡಿಸಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾರಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸಿದ. ಆಗ ತಪ್ಪಿ ಅರಿವಿಲ್ಲಾ ತೊರ್ಪಾಡಿಸಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾರಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸಿದ. ಆಗ ಕಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾರಲು ಹೋದಾಗ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರೀತಿಯಿಂದಲೂ ಅವನ ತಪ್ಪಿ ಅರಿವಿಲ್ಲದ



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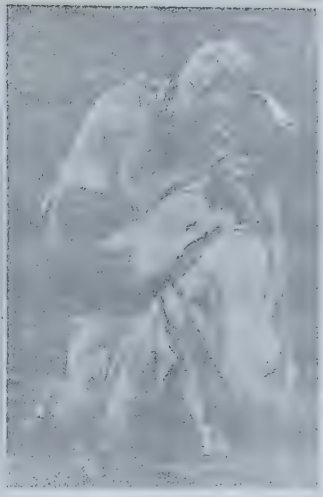

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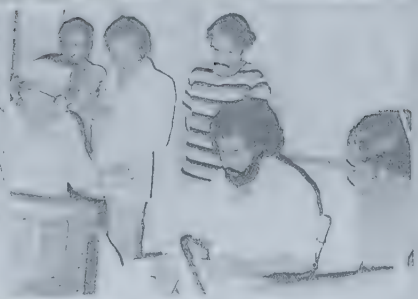
ಶಶಿನ್ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ "ನಾಗರಹಬ್ಬ"

ನಾಗರಹಬ್ಬ ಬ್ಯಾನರ್ ಚಿತ್ರ ನಿರ್ಮಾಪಕ ಶಶಿನ್ ಈ ಚಿತ್ರವನ್ನು ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಬಳಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಗಿತ ರಾಜಕಾರಿಲು - ಕರೀಂಖಾನ್ ಮಾಗೂ ಬಿ ಎಸ್. ವ್ಯಾಸರಾಜ್ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಮಾಣಿಕ ಕೆ.ಎನ್. ಮುಖಾಲಿಲಿಲ್ಲಿ ಆರ್. ರತ್ನಿ ಅವರ ಸಂಗೀತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನ. ಚಿತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಬರೆದಿರುವವರು ಎಸ್. ಎಸ್. ರಾವತ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣಾಚಾರಿಯಾರ್, ಗಾಂಧಿ ವಾಗೇಲ, ಶಶಿಲಾ, ಜಯಲೇಖಾ, ಸಾಮ್ರಾನಾಪುರ್, ರಾಮಮ್ಮಾಧೈ, ಅಲಿಲಕುಮಾರ್, ಮಾಸುದೇವ್ ಮಾಗೂ ಗುರುರಾಜ್ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಒಂದೇ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿತ್ರೀಕರಣ ಮುಗಿಯಲಿದೆ.



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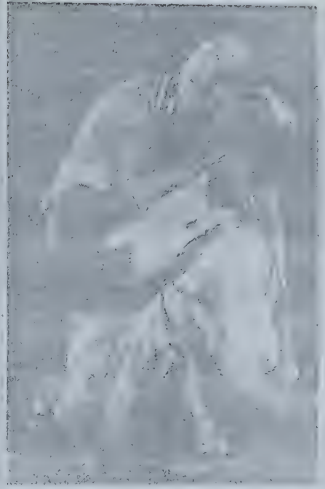

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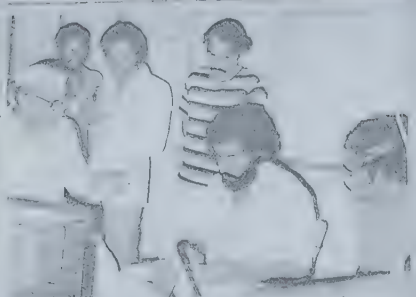

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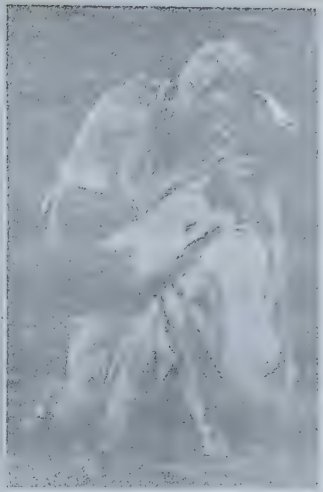

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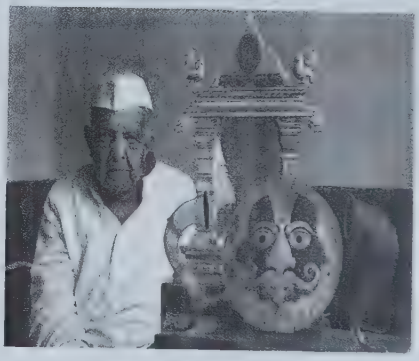

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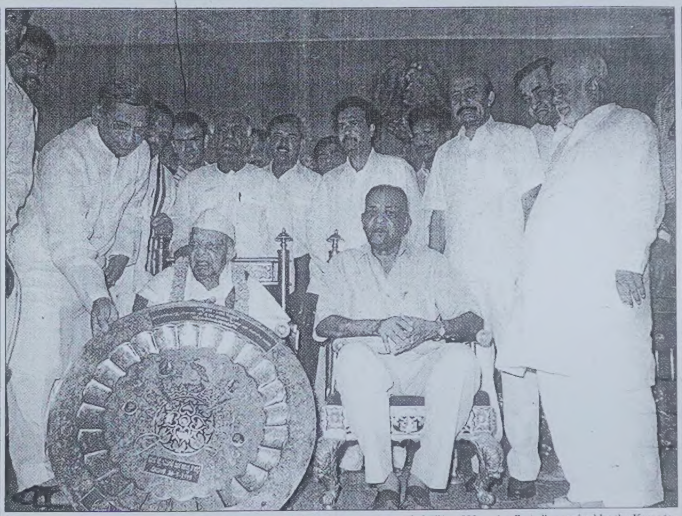

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